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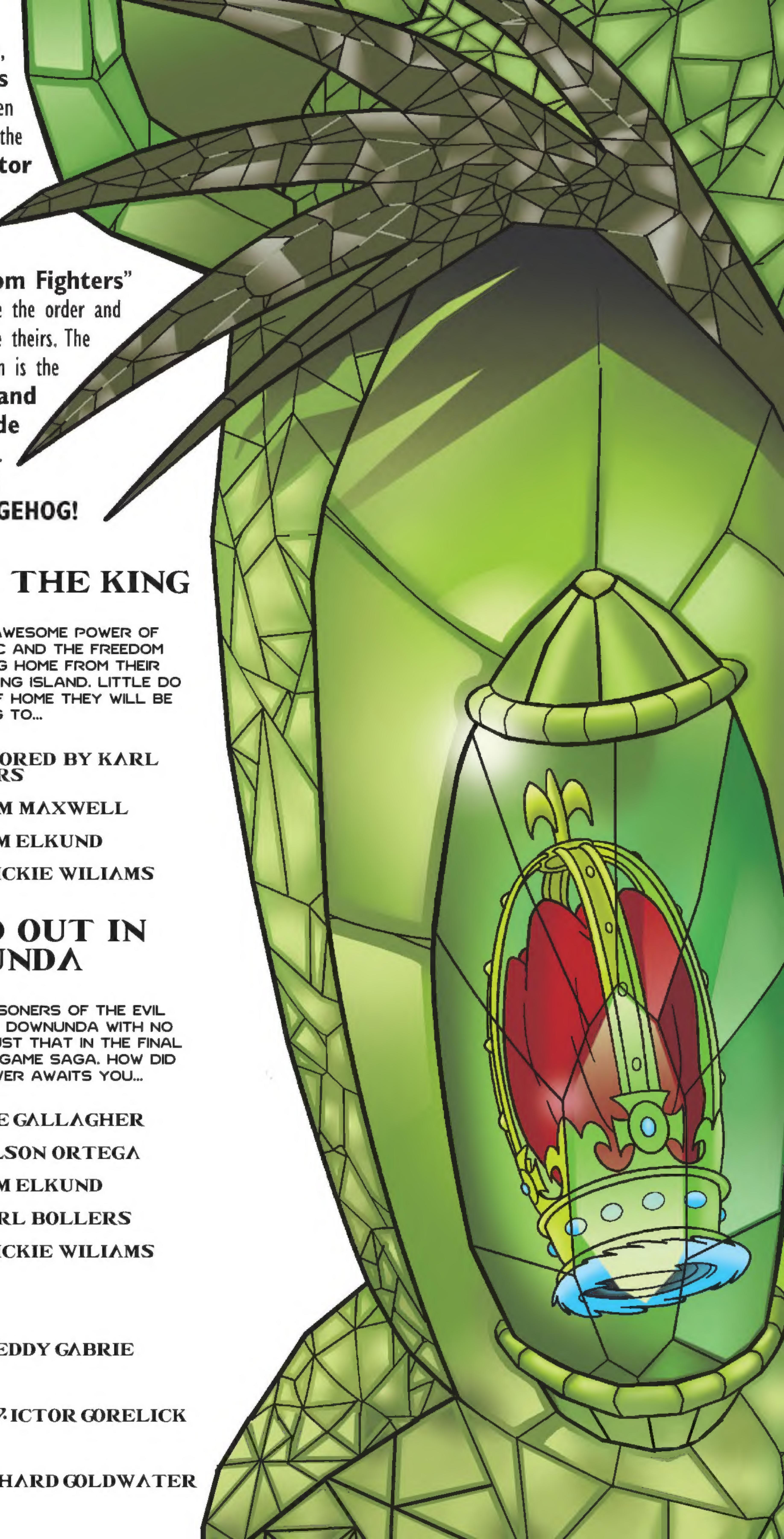
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Once a virtual paradise, the planet **Mobius** was enslaved when conquered by the techno-evil of **Doctor Robotnik**. In the aftermath, a courageous group of "Freedom Fighters" has risen to restore the order and beauty that was once theirs. The greatest among them is the fastest and way-coolest dude on two feet... **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!**

RETURN OF THE KING

AFTER DECLARING THE AWESOME POWER OF MAMMOTH MONGUL, SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE RETURNING HOME FROM THEIR ADVENTURE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND. LITTLE DO THEY KNOW WHAT KIND OF HOME THEY WILL BE RETURNING TO...

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DOWN AND OUT IN DOWNUNDA

BUNNIE AND ANTOINE, PRISONERS OF THE EVIL CROCBOT IN THE LAND OF DOWNUNDA WITH NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE, DO JUST THAT IN THE FINAL INSTALLMENT OF THE END GAME SAGA. HOW DID THEY DO IT? THE ANSWER AWAITS YOU...

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DUSK.

BUT IT ISN'T THE SETTING SUN'S BRILLIANCE THAT CATCHES THE ATTENTION OF MOBOTROPOLIS' ANTHROPOMORPHIC CITIZENRY THIS TWILIGHT.

INSTEAD, IT IS THE ROAR OF TURBINE ENGINES--

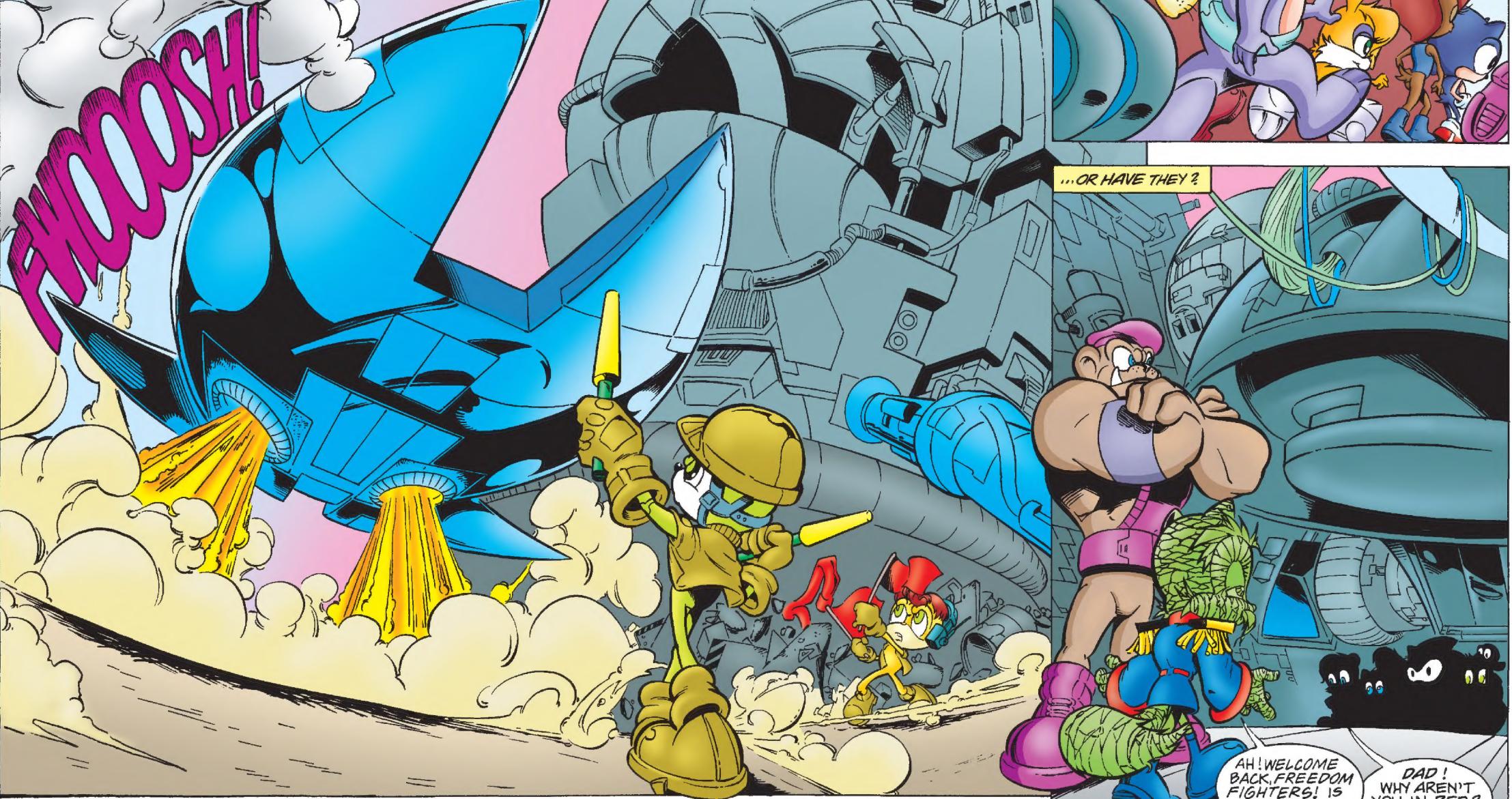
-- ACCOMPANIED BY THE MAJESTIC SIGHT OF THE ROYAL SKYSHIP THAT GIVES THEM ALL PAUSE AS IT ARCS TOWARDS CASTLE ACORN.

-- THE COOL RUSH OF WIND--

AND WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?

SIMPLY PUT, THE HEROES HAVE COME HOME!*

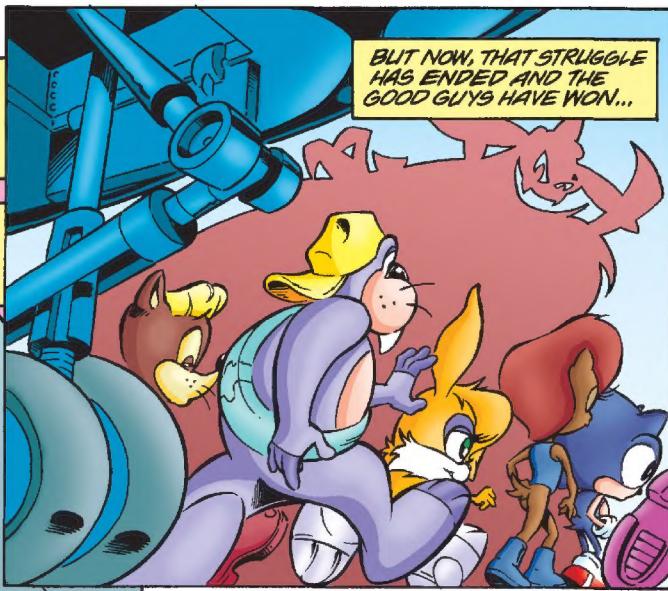
SONIC IN The Return of the KING PART 1



AND JOINING HIM ARE PRINCESS SALLY ACORN, GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, ANTOINE D'COOLETTE, BUNNIE RABBOT, ROTOR, AND TAILS...

...ALL OF THEM FORMER REBELS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DIABOLICAL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.

BUT NOW, THAT STRUGGLE HAS ENDED AND THE GOOD GUYS HAVE WON...



AH! WELCOME BACK, FREEDOM FIGHTERS! IS THIS A NEW AIRSHIP?

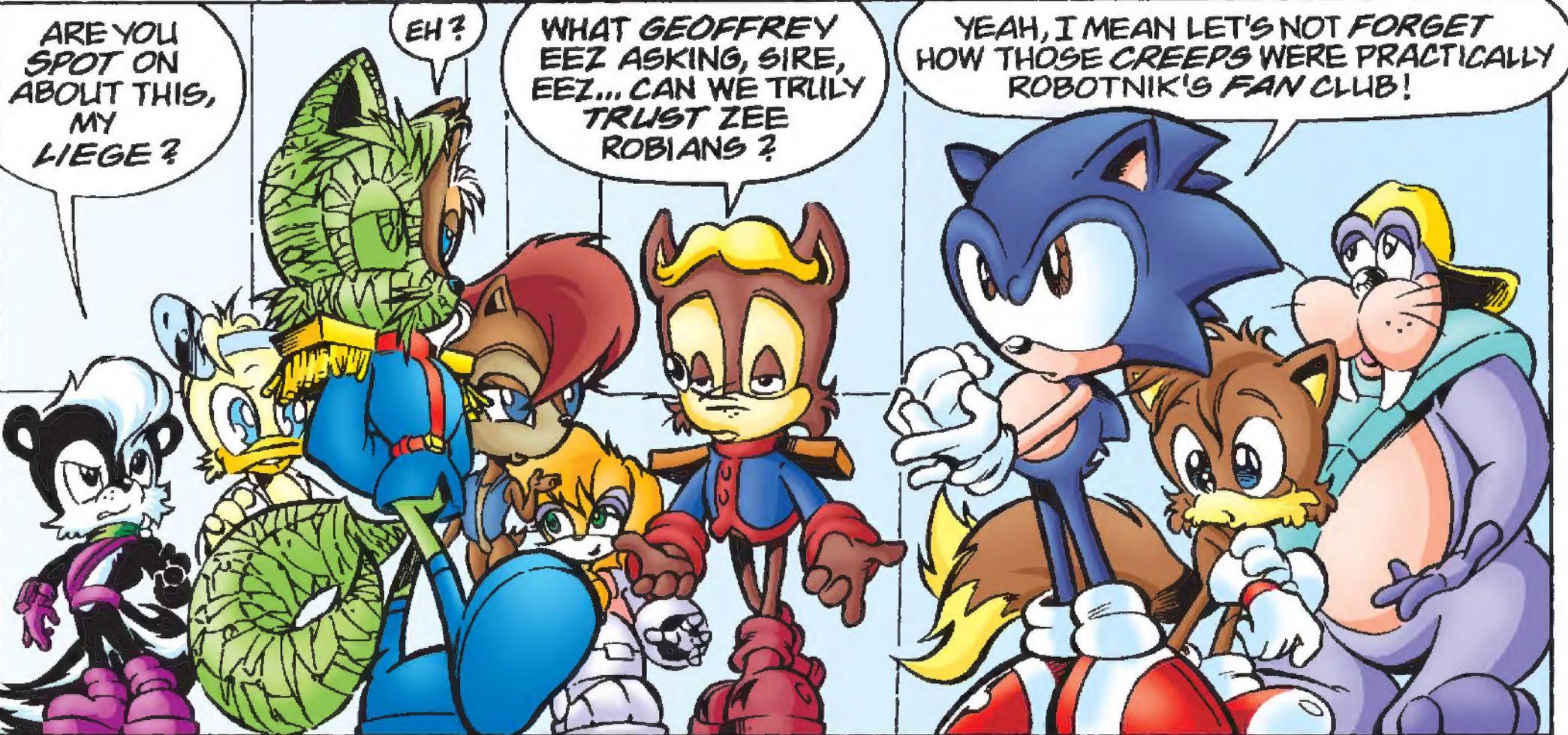
DAD! WHY AREN'T YOU IN BED? YOU'RE ILL!

I'M CERTAIN IT MUST HAVE APPEARED SO WHEN YOU LEFT FOR THE FLOATING ISLE, SWEETHEART, BUT I'M FULLY RECOVERED NOW.

ALL OF THAT TALK ABOUT DISMANTLING THE ROBIANS* WAS LITTER POPPYCOCK!**

WITH MY SANITY ONCE MORE INTACT, IT IS MY WHOLEHEARTED INTENT TO REBUILD OUR KINGDOM SO THAT WE MAY ALL LIVE LIVES OF HARMONY.

* ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS.
** CHECK OUT THE MADNESS IN SONIC ARCHIVES 15! - ED.

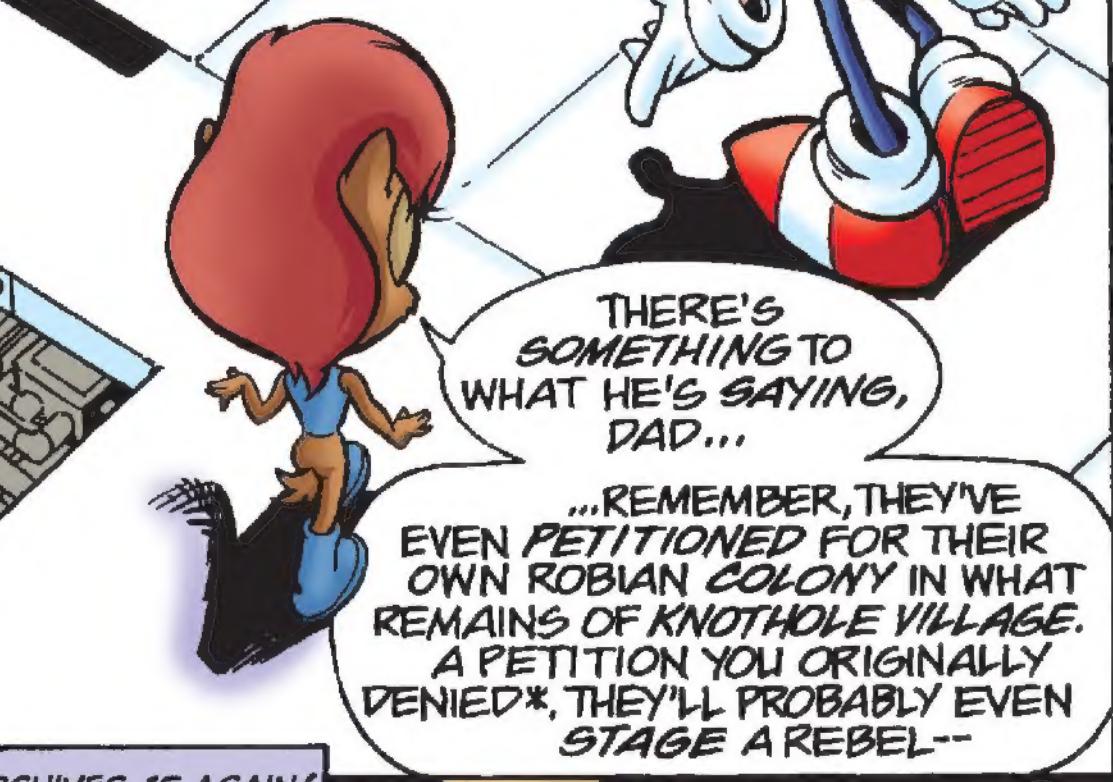
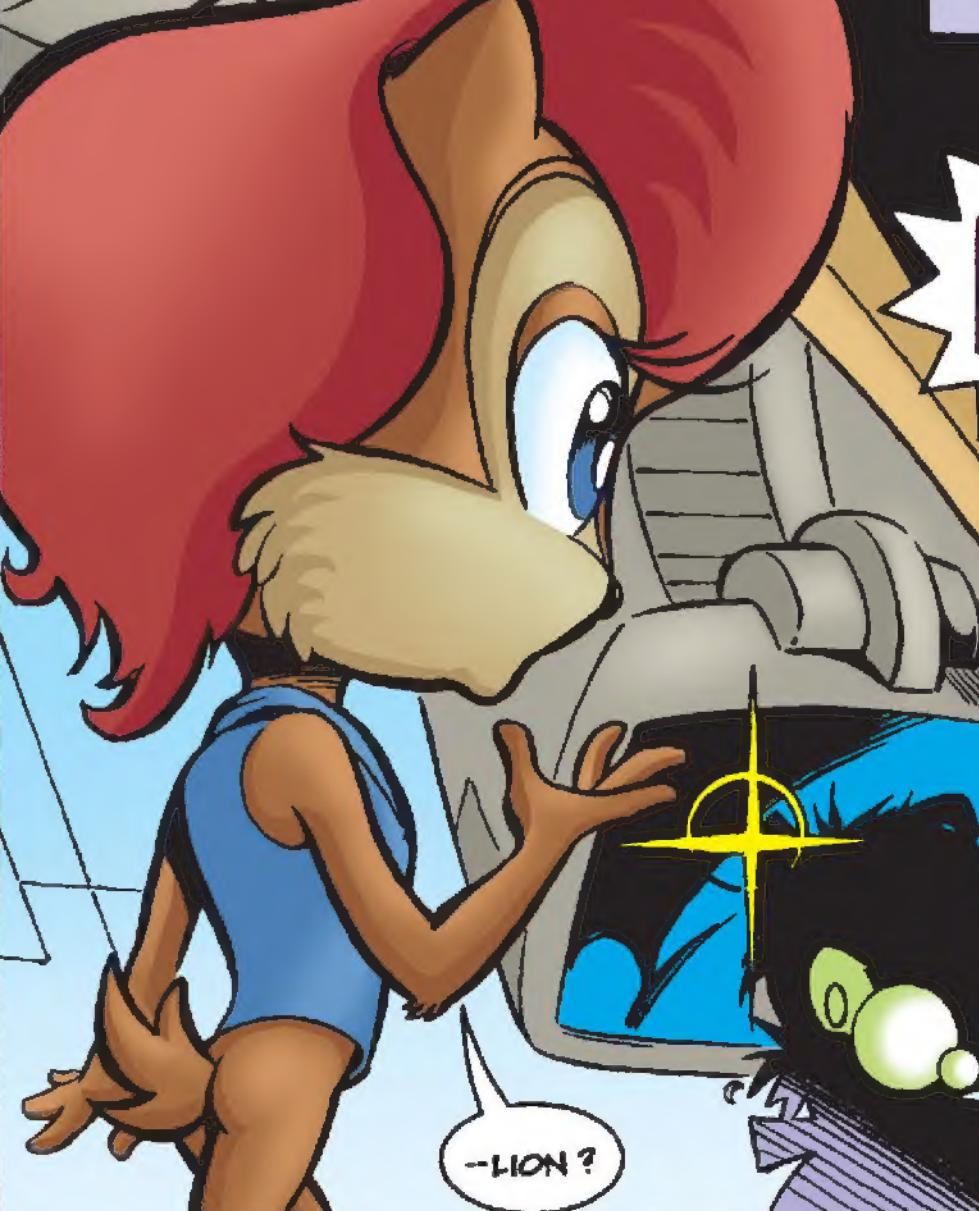
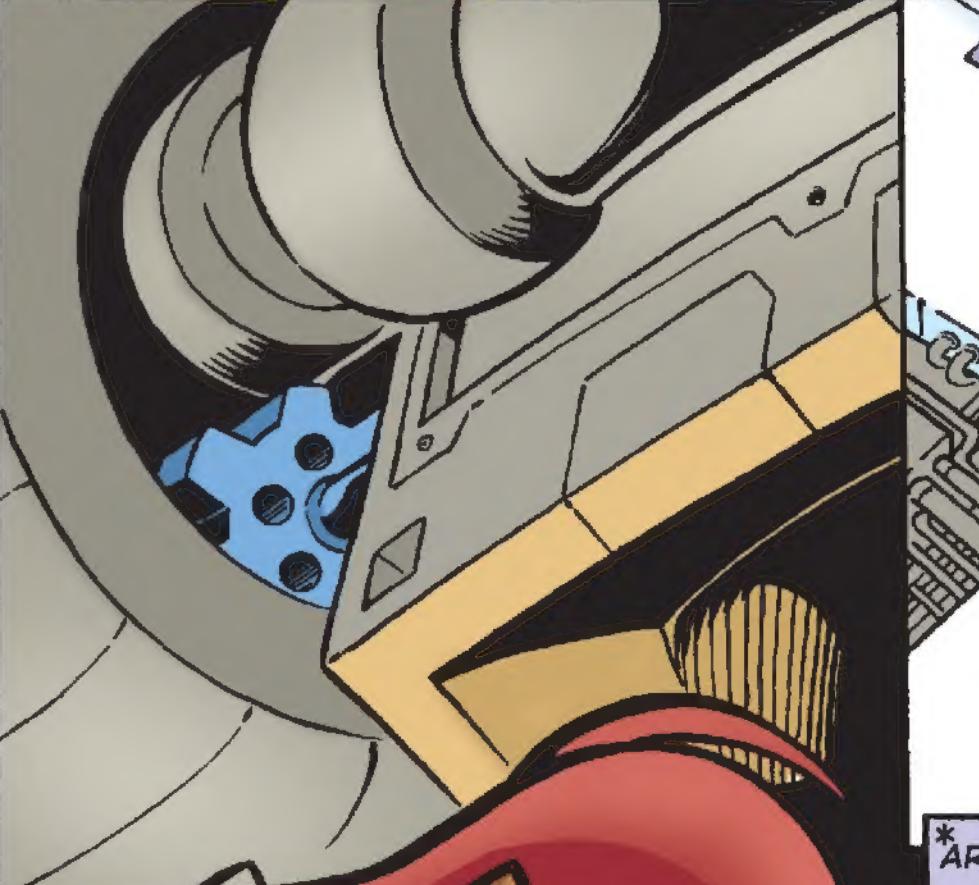
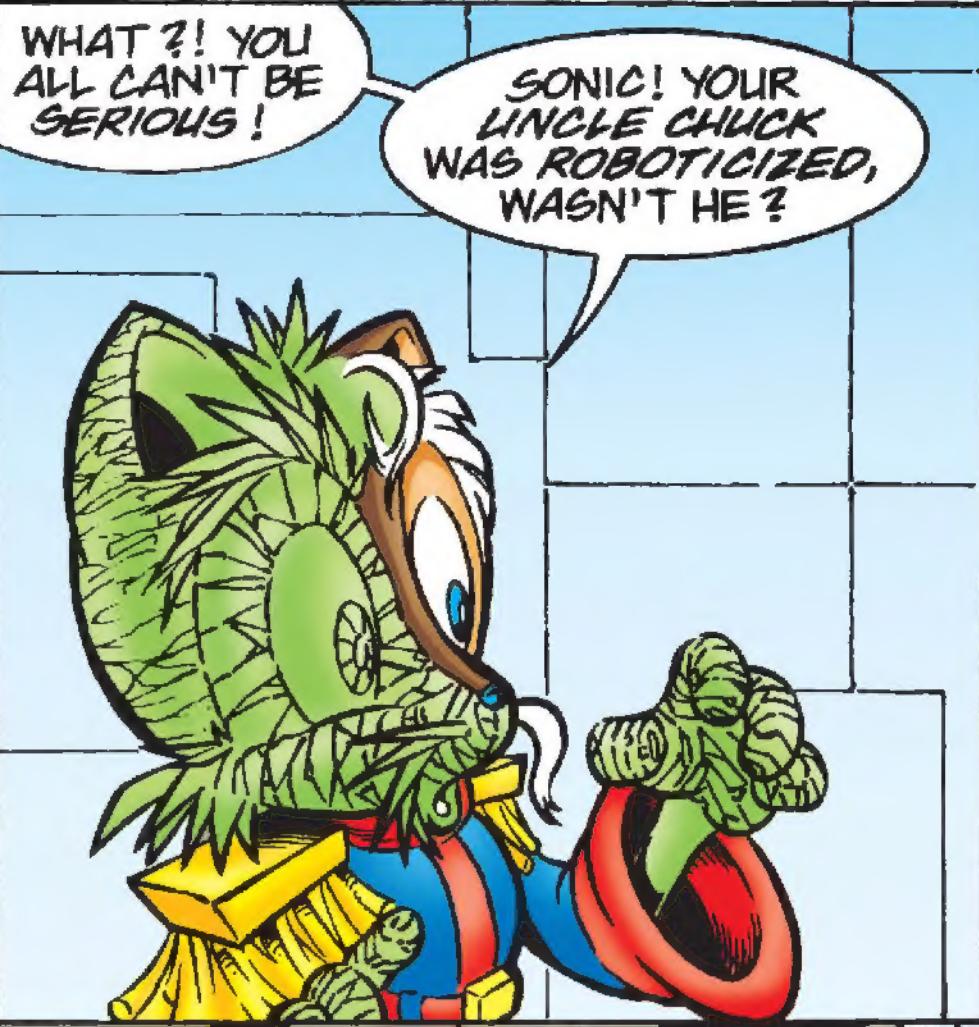


I'M WITH THE HEDGEHOG! THE PROGRAMMING THAT ROBOTNIK INSTALLED IN THOSE BLOKES MAY STILL BE FUNCTIONAL!

THEY COULD BE JUST MAKIN' US THINK EVERYTHING'S COOL WHILE THEY WAIT TO SPRING A SURPRISE ATTACK!

...OR EVEN WORSE!





* ARCHIVES IS AGAIN!
-- EDITOR.

ENOUGH!

BEHOLD!
THE MONARCH,
HIS RAGE,
FUELED BY
THE HATEFUL
WORDS OF
HIS DAUGHTER
AND HER
FRIENDS, SETS
OFF ON A
TIRADE
AGAINST THE
ROBIANS!

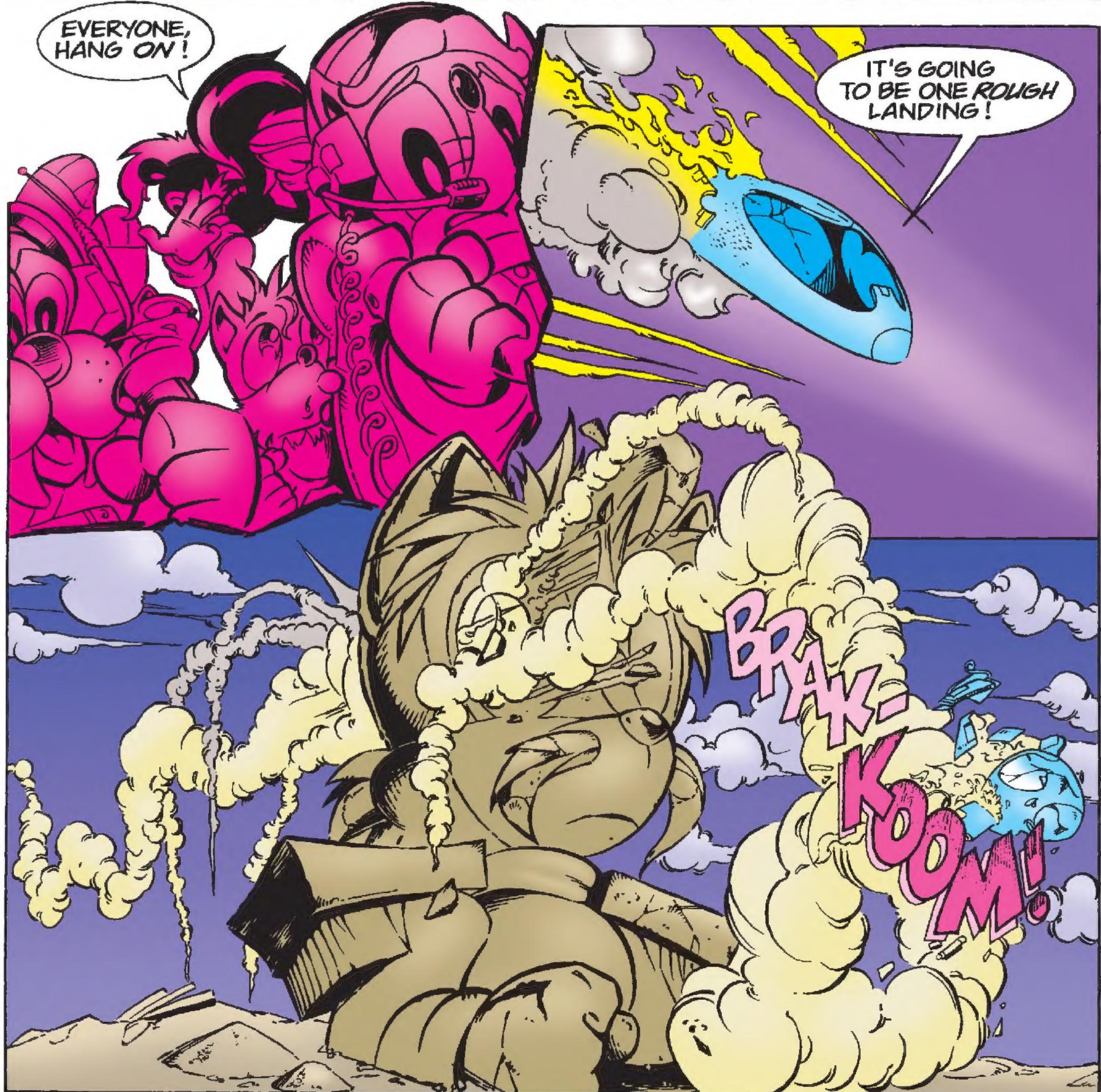
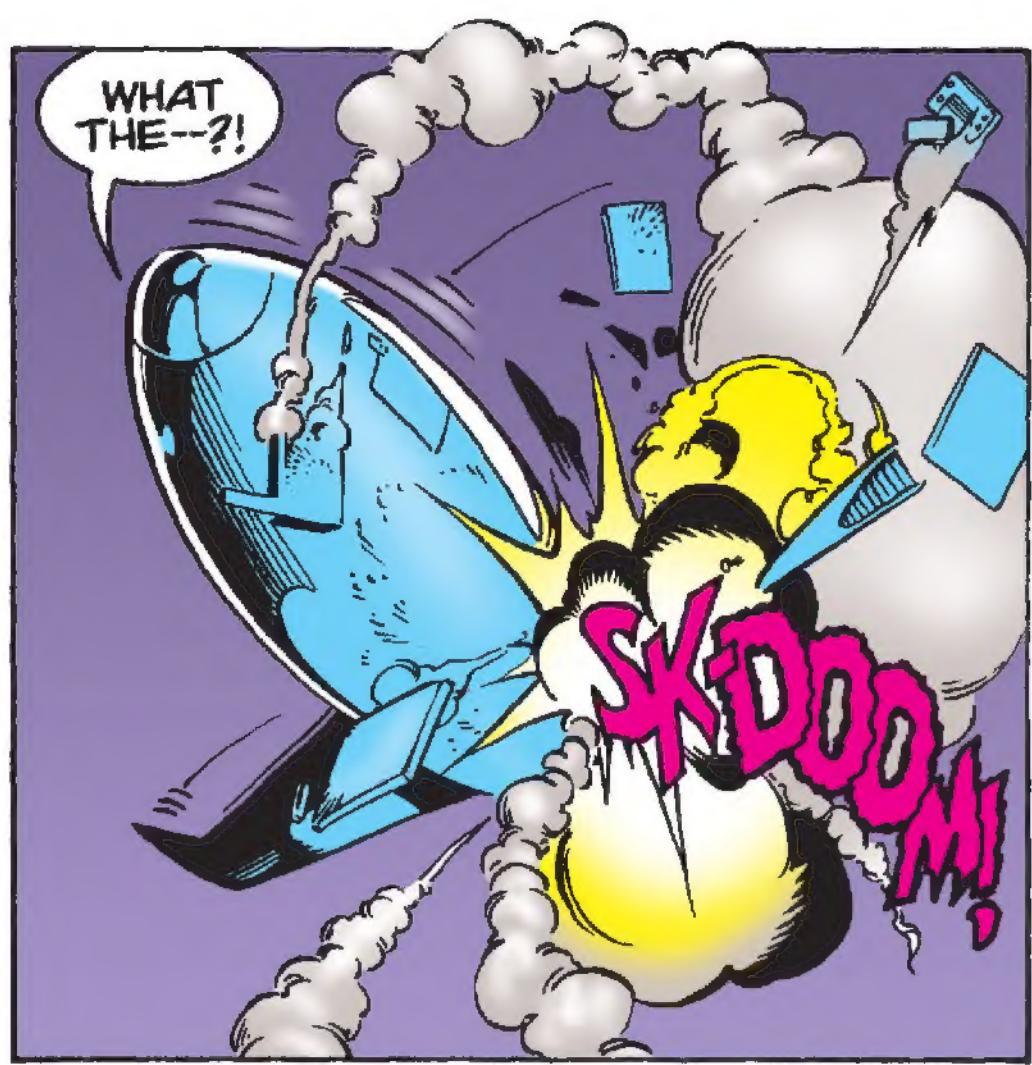
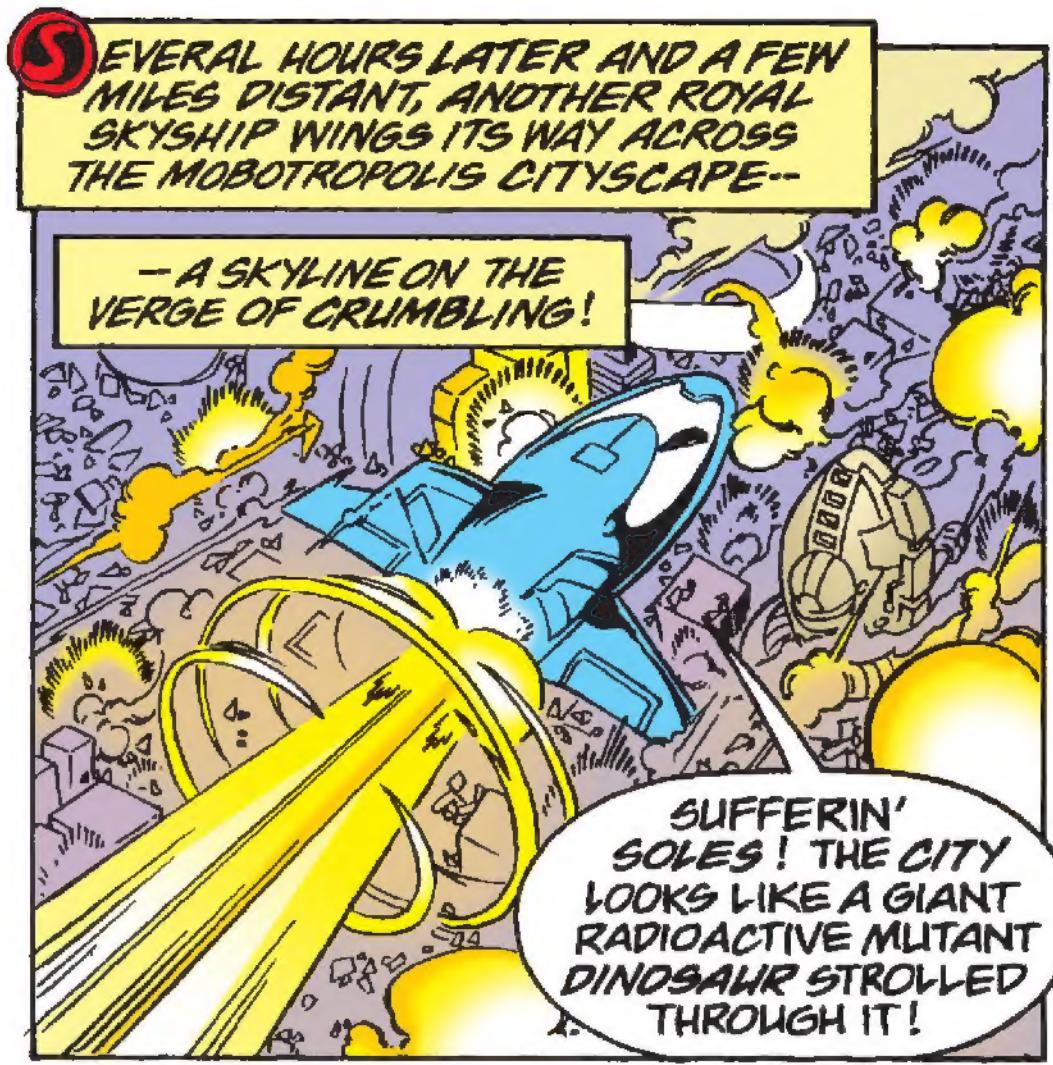
IN THE SCANT
WEEKS SINCE
HIS ESCAPE
FROM THE
ZONE OF
SILENCE,
KING ACORN
HAS BATTLED
WITH THE
CRYSTAL-
LIZATION
EFFECT (A
BY-PRODUCT OF
THE ZONE)
THAT HAS
RAVAGED HIS
WEAKENED
BODY.

NOW, A CHANGE TRANSPiRES IN
THE RULER... AND SO GREAT IS HIS
ANGER, HE DOES NOT EVEN TAKE
NOTE AS THE CRYSTAL CRAWLS
ACROSS HIS FACE REPLACING ITS
SOFT FLESH COMPLETELY.

NEVER MIND! FOR THE
KING HAS FAR
GREATER CONCERNs!

MOBILIZE
THE ROYAL TROOPS
IMMEDIATELY!
THIS THREAT TO OUR
FAIR KINGDOM MUST
BE STAMPED OUT ONCE
AND FOR ALL!

"THIS DAY, WE DISMANTLE
THE ROBIANS!!"



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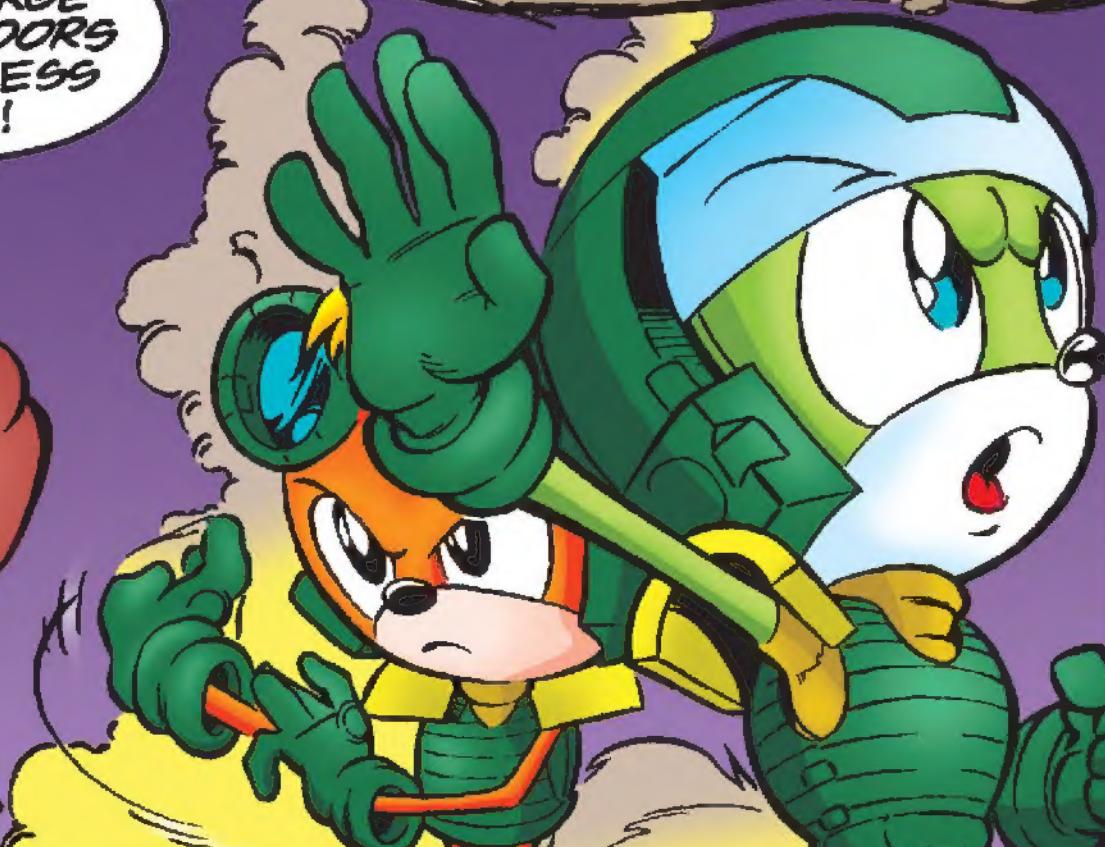
SOMETHING
IS DEFINITELY
WRONG HERE,
GUYS!

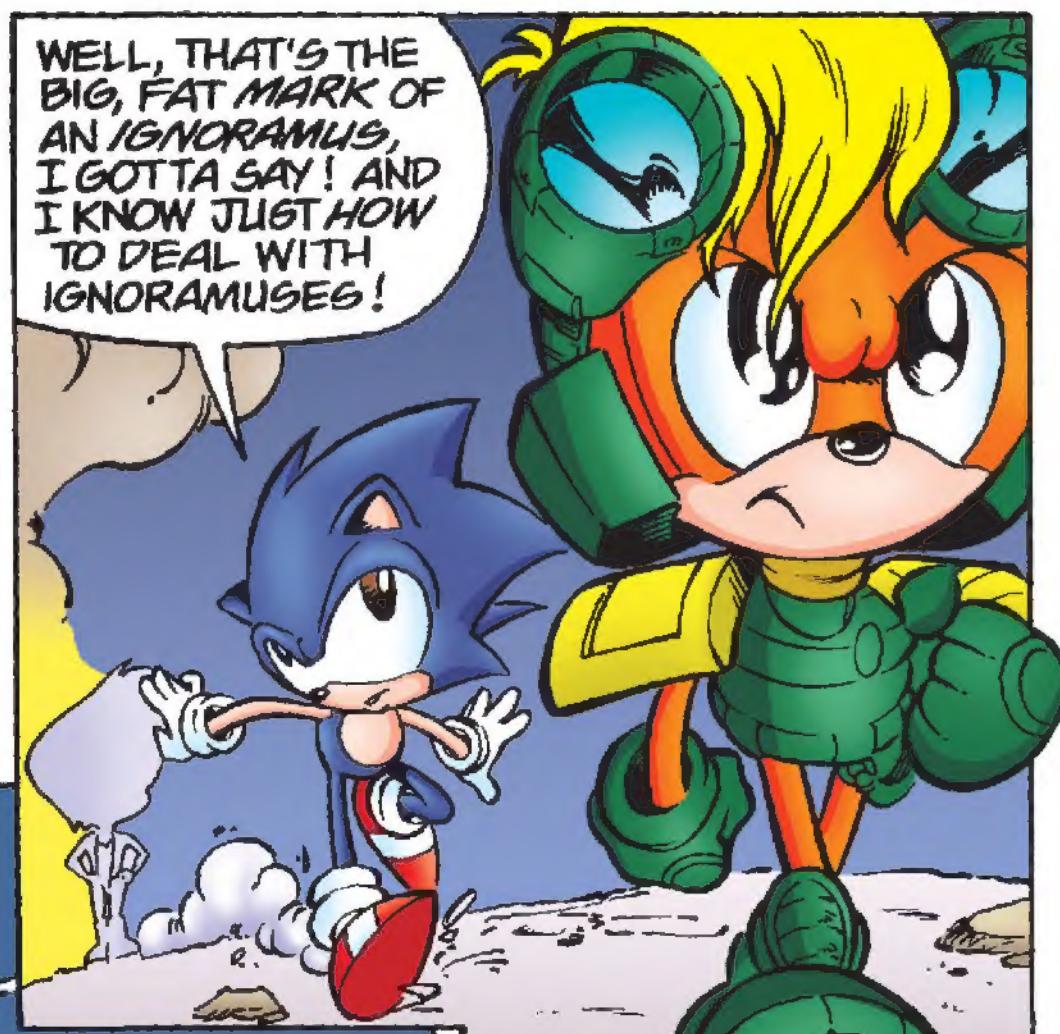
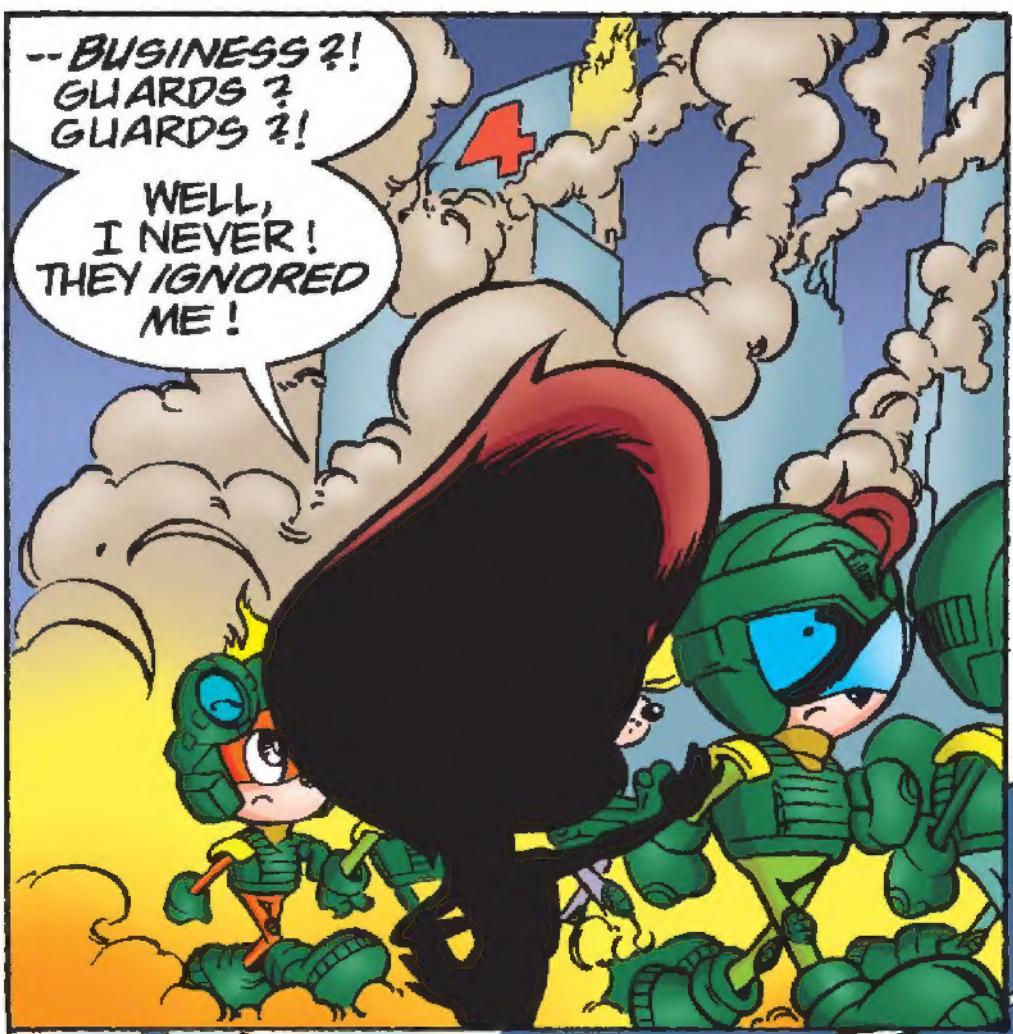
IT'S A LITTLE
EARLY FOR FIREWORKS,
AIN'T IT?

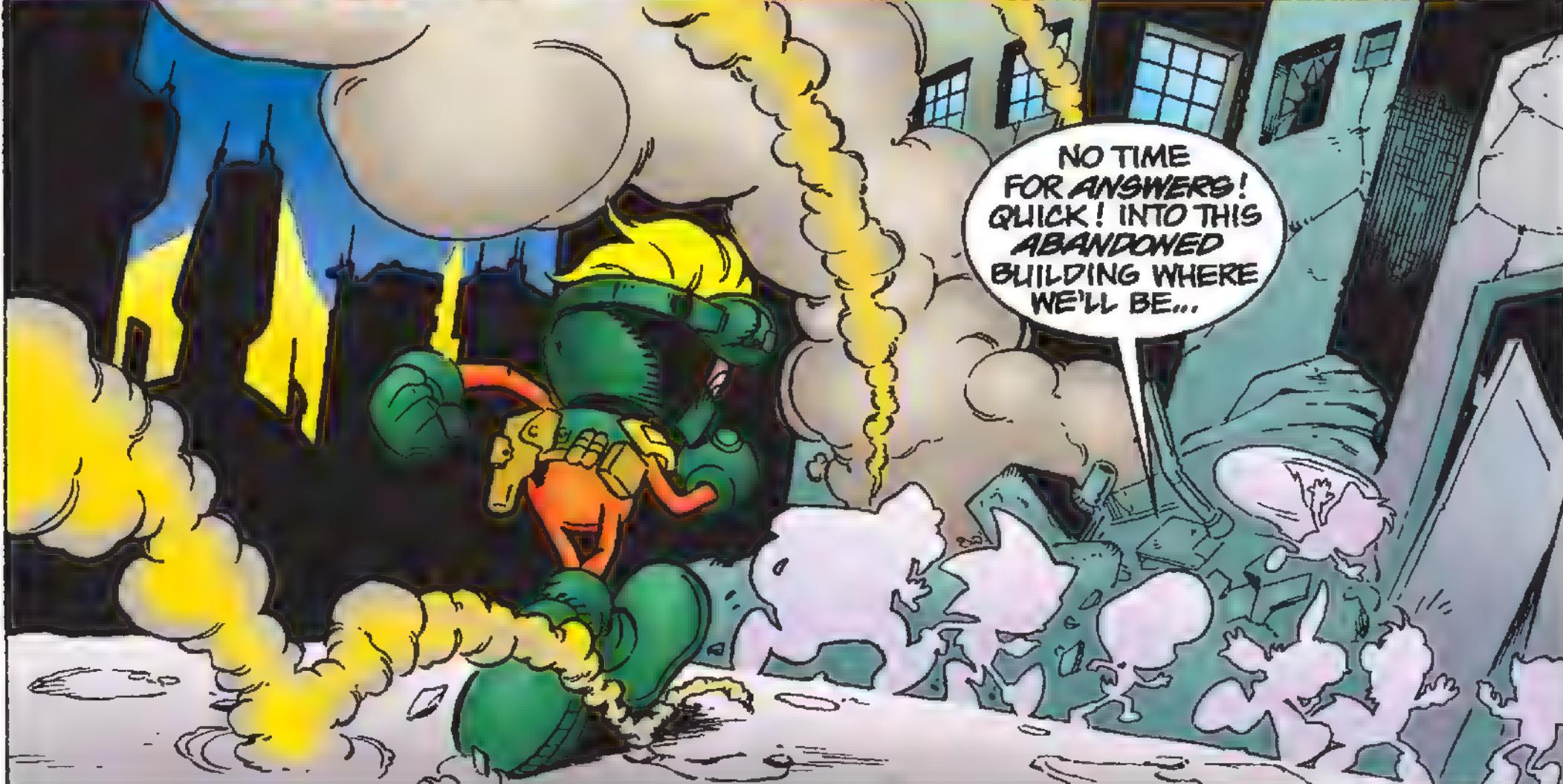
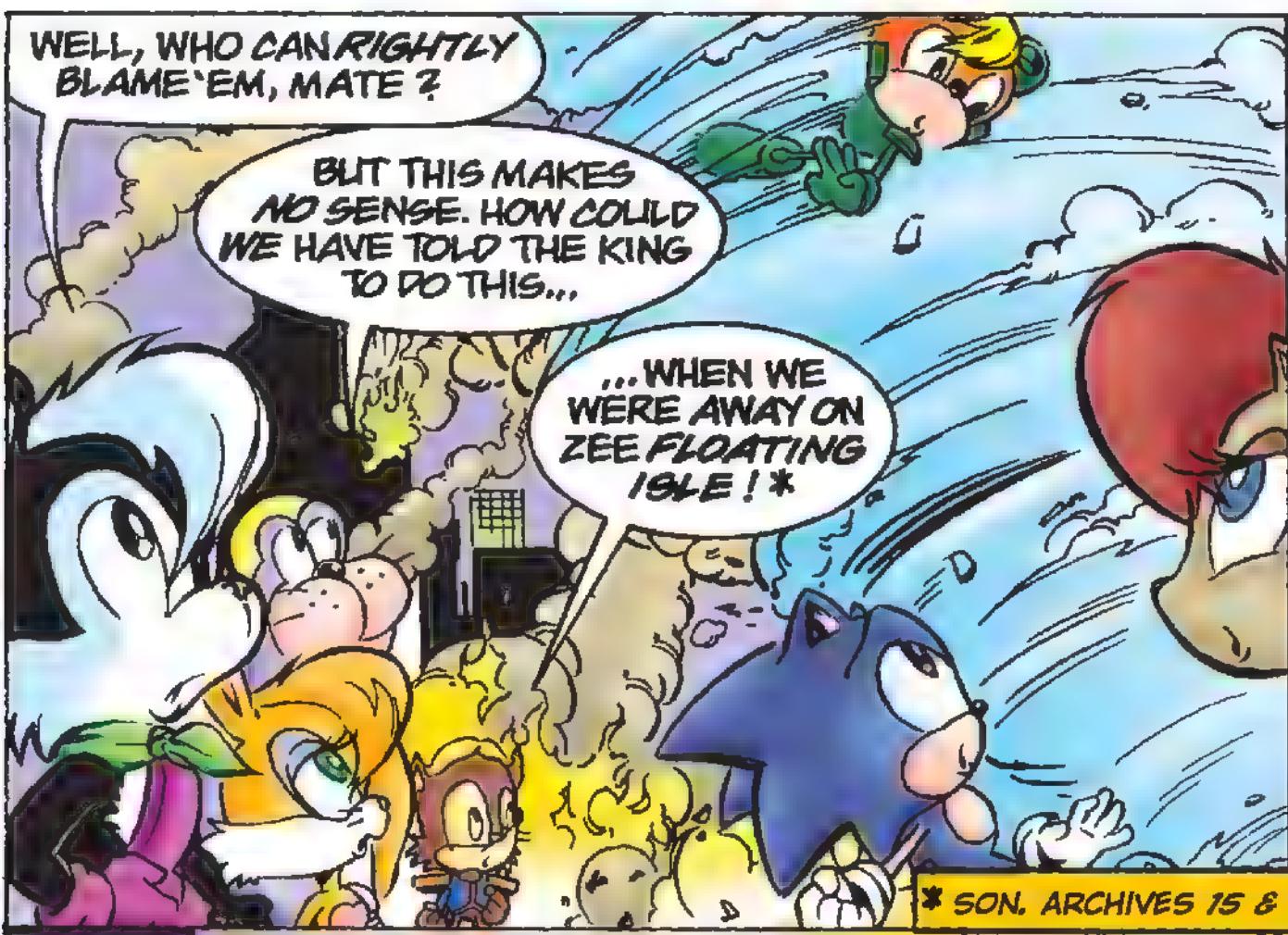
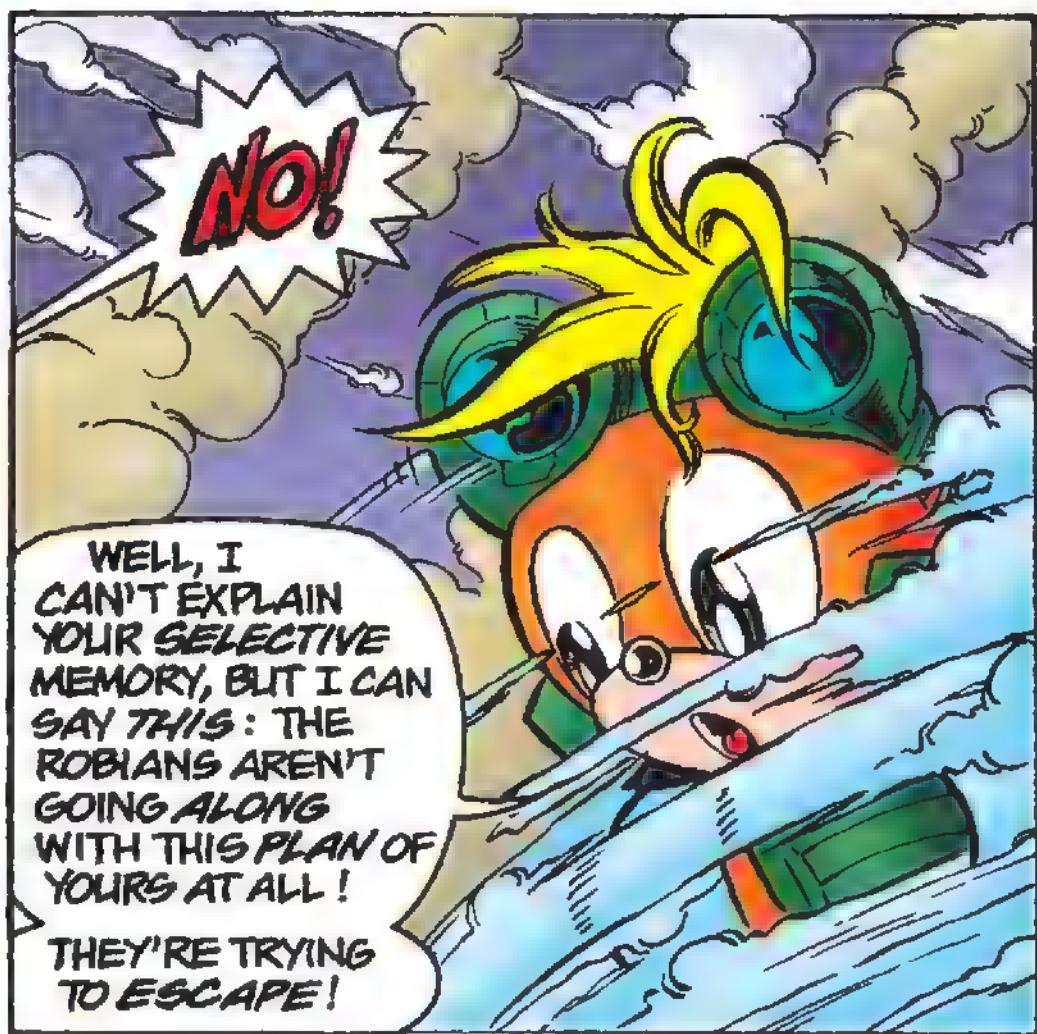
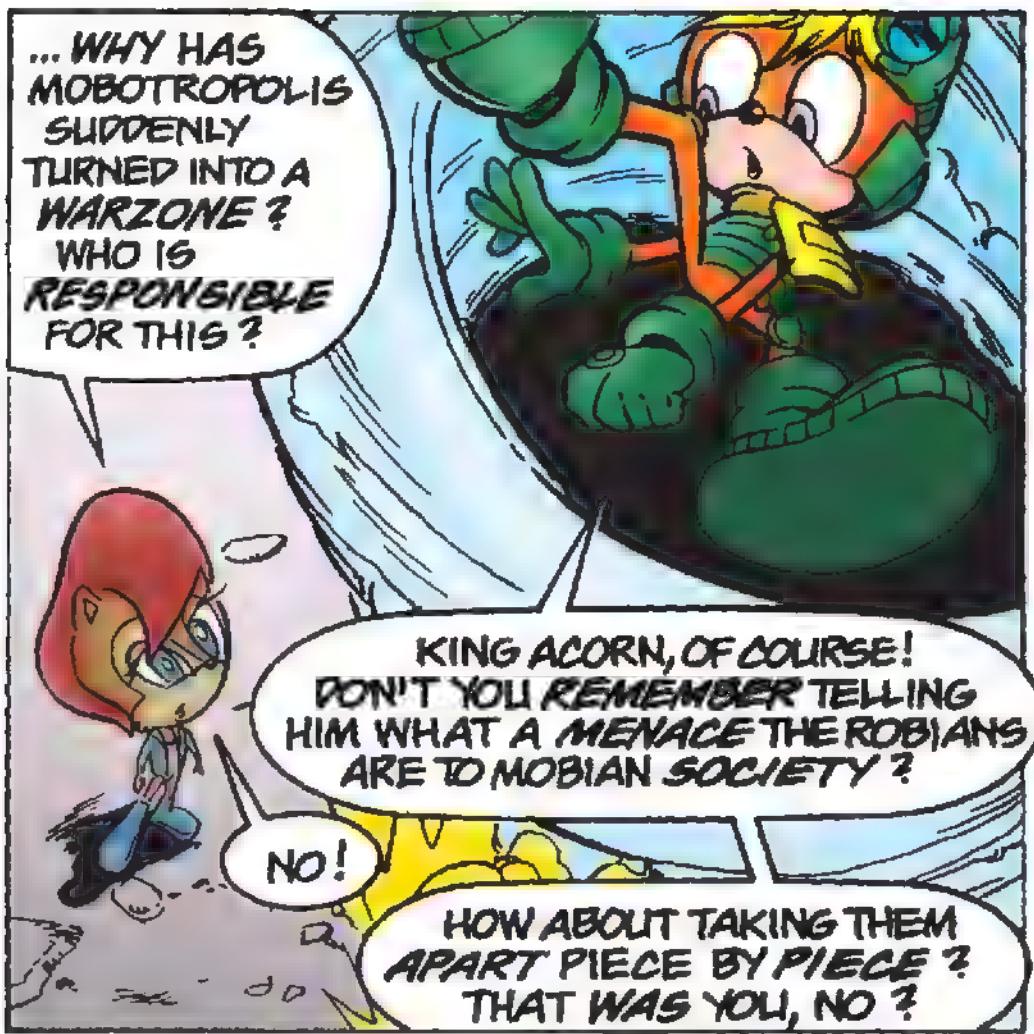
LEMME
GUESS...WE
CRASHED IN A
NO-PARKING
ZONE!

STEP ASIDE,
CITIZENS! WE URGE
YOU TO STAY INDOORS
UNTIL HIS BUSINESS
IS FINISHED!

WAIT!
WHA--







“...SAFE!!”

SKRITCH!

SKRITCH!
SKRITCH!

FWOOSH!

MON DIEU!

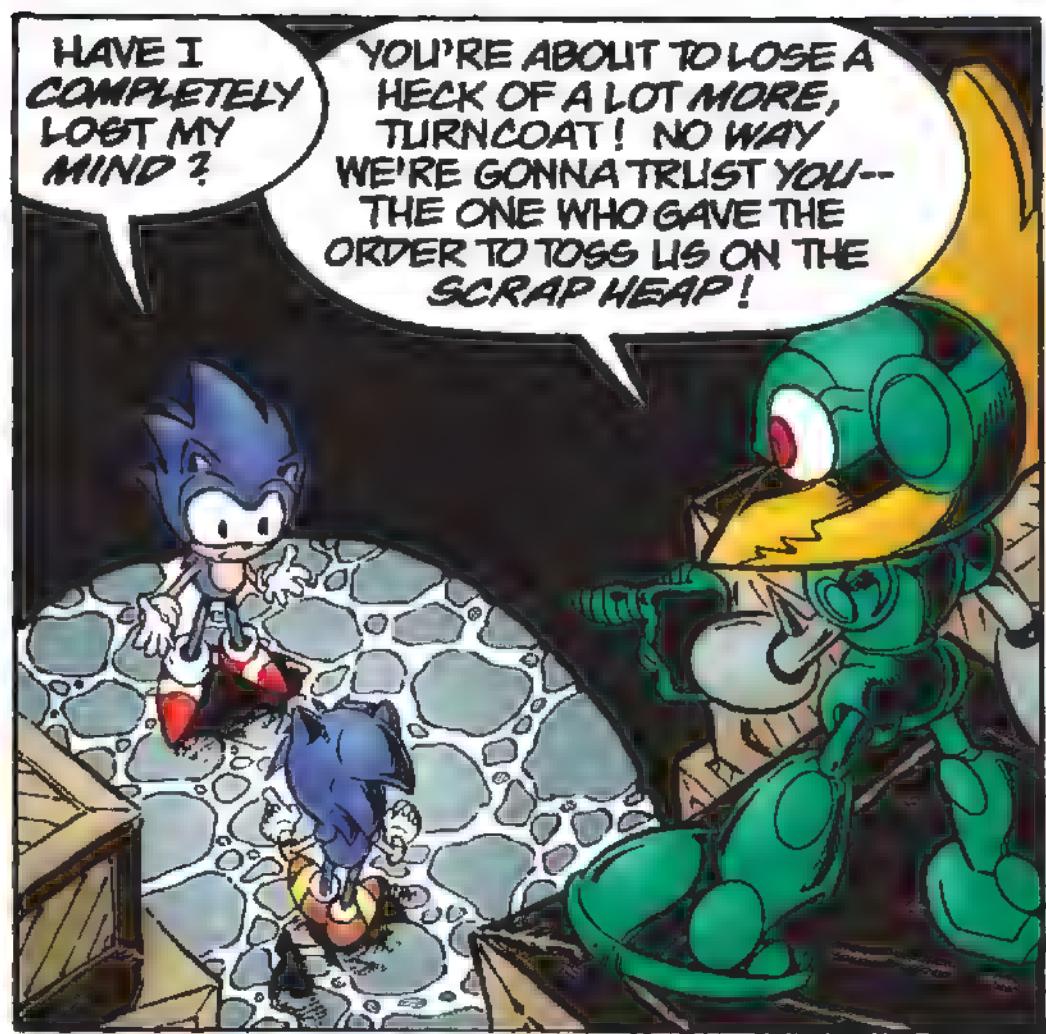
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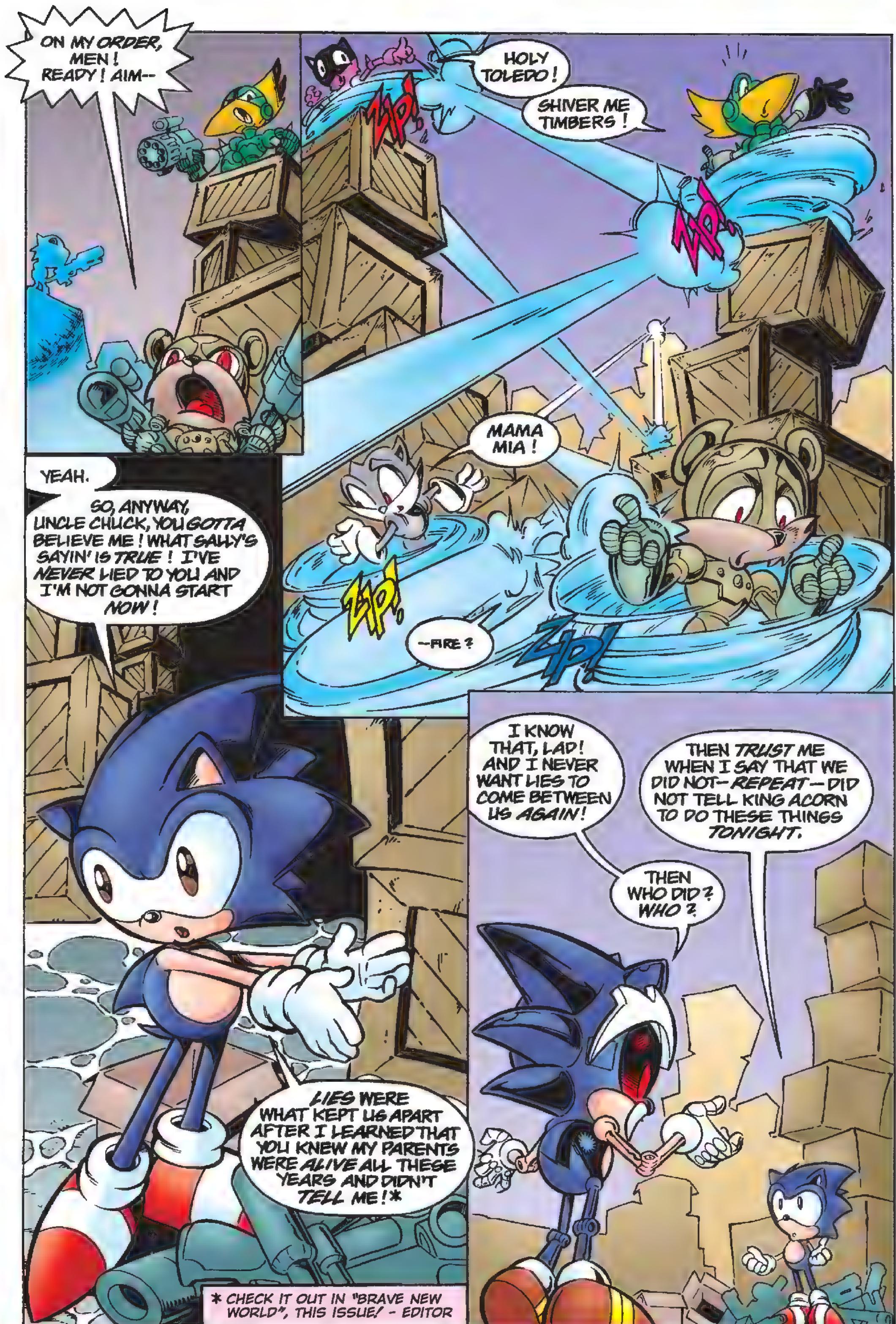
LEMME GUESS...
THIS TIME IT'S A
NO-RUNNING-FROM-THE
FLAMING-DEBRIS-
ZONE!

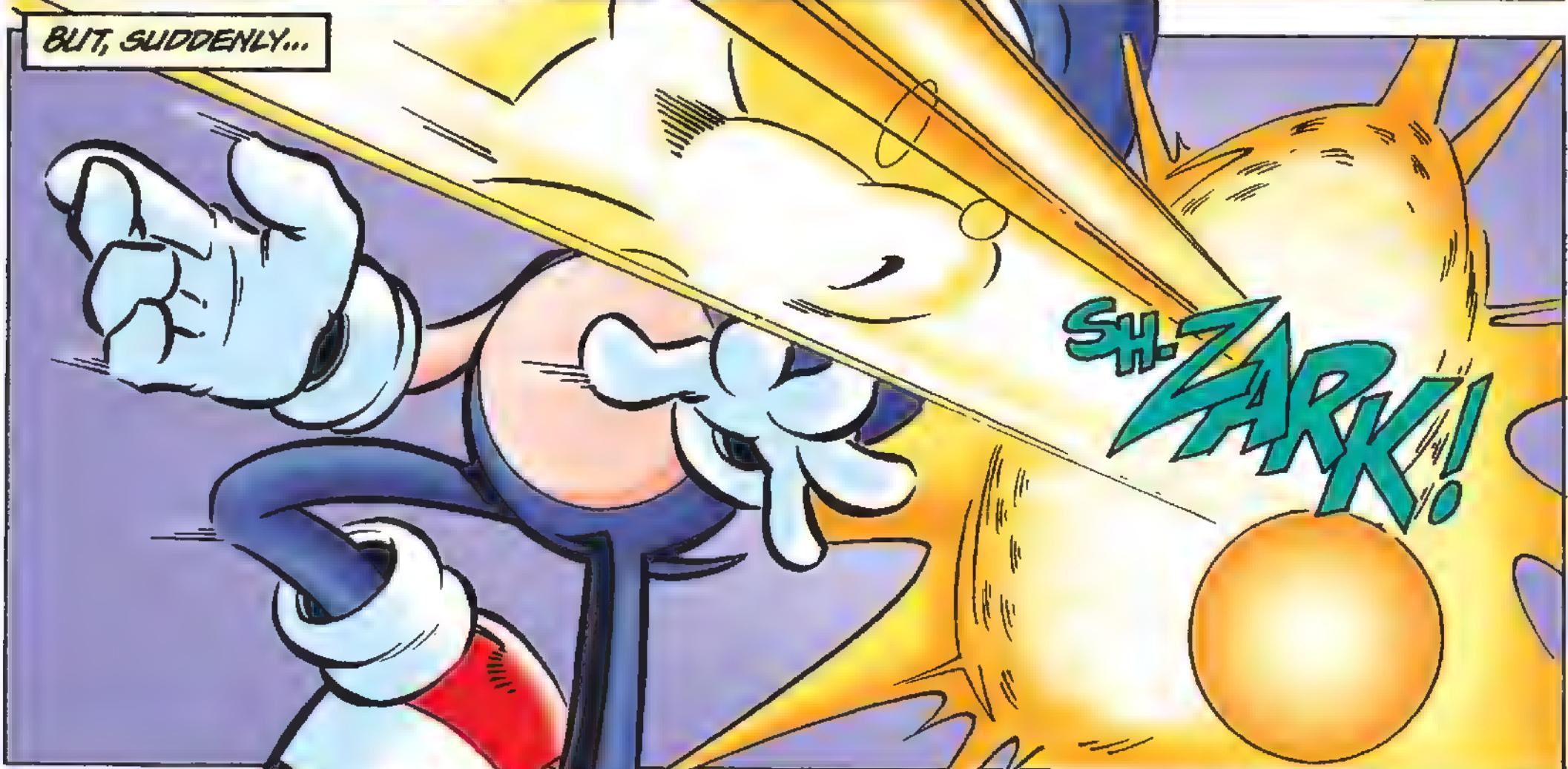
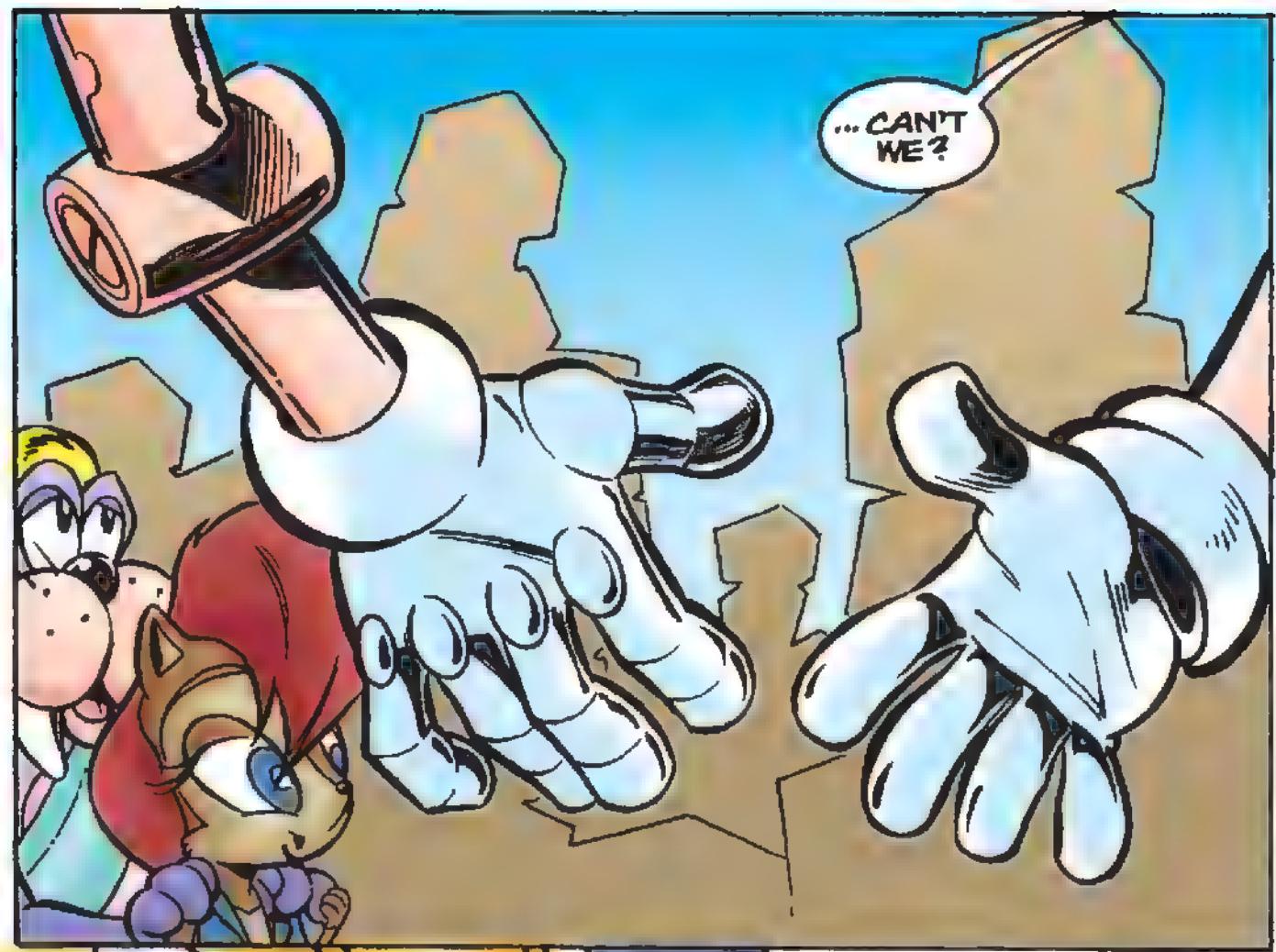
GUESS AGAIN,
SONIC!

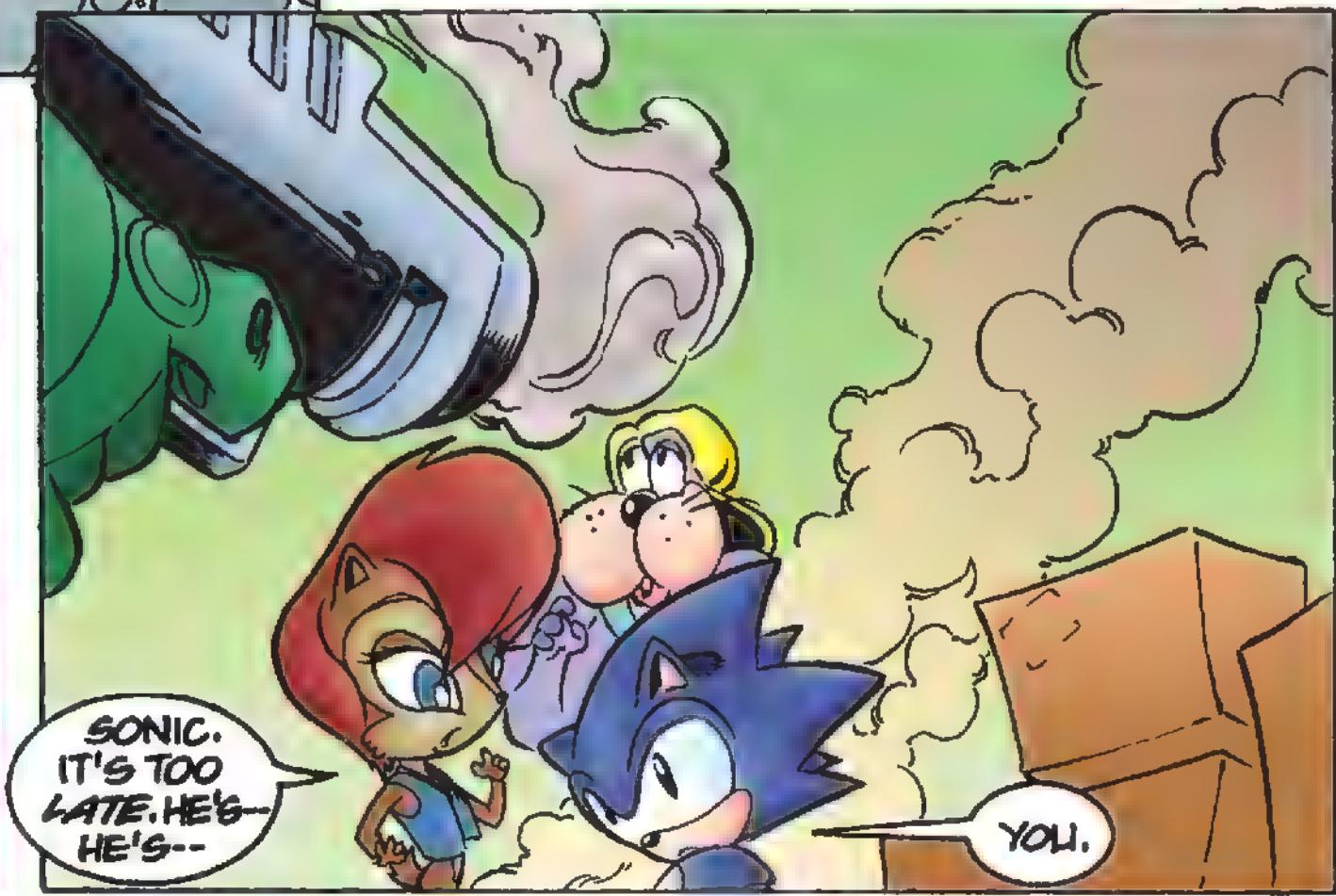
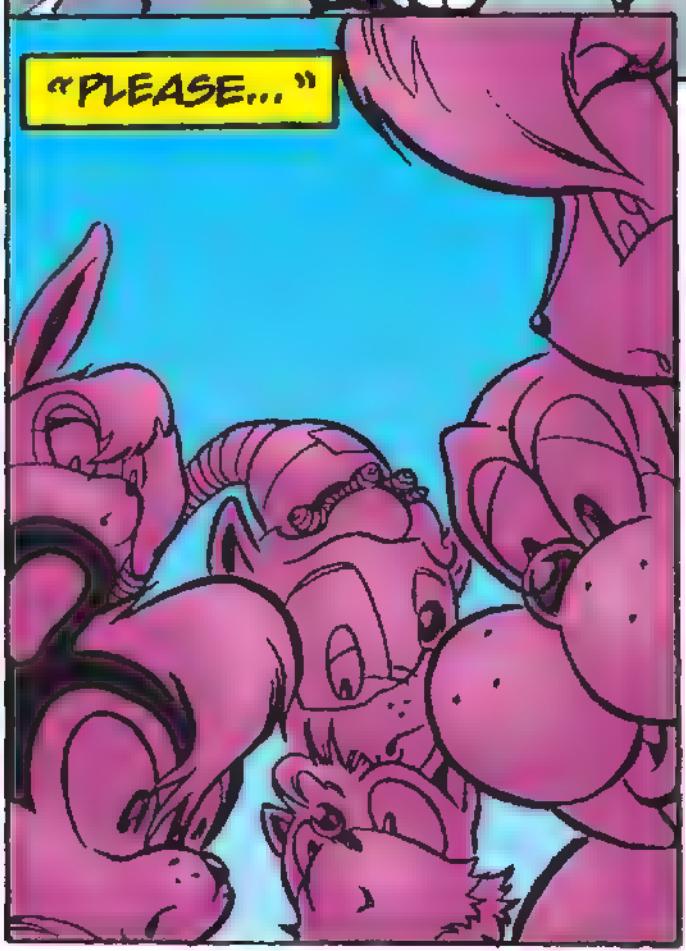
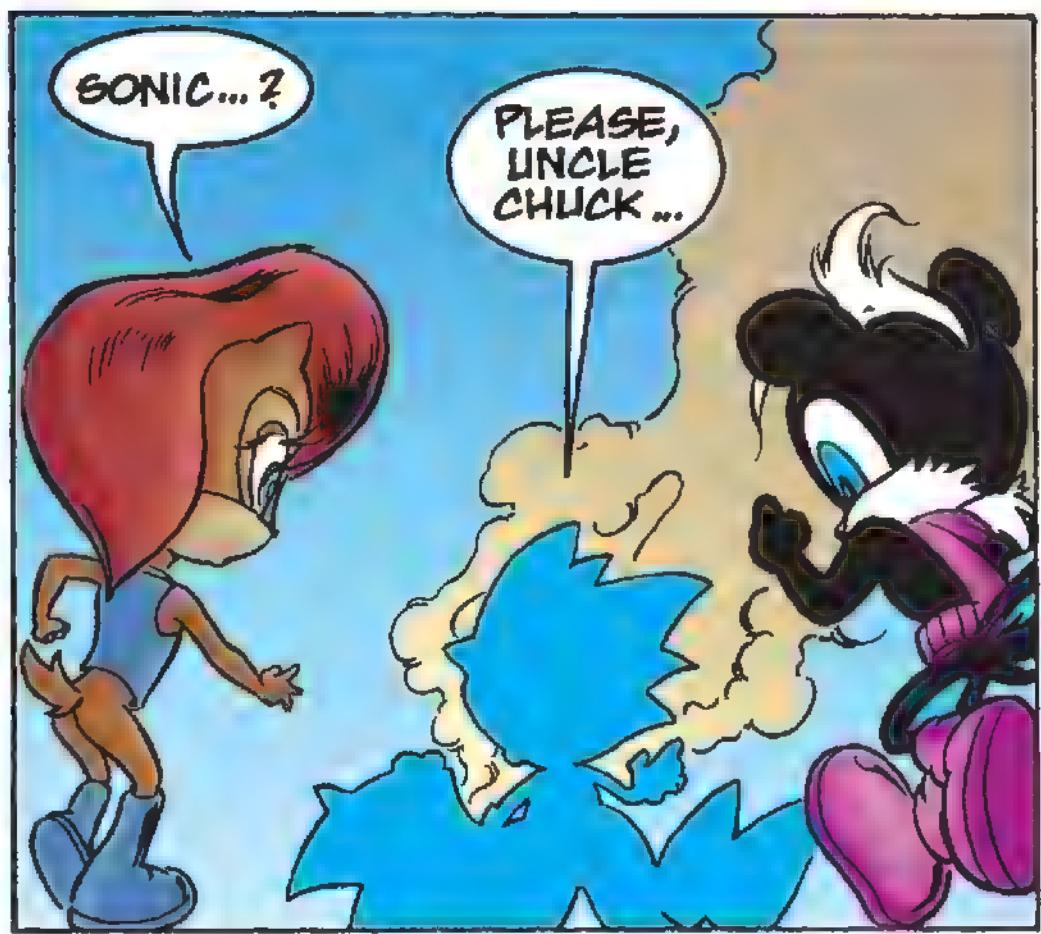
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CHUCK?!

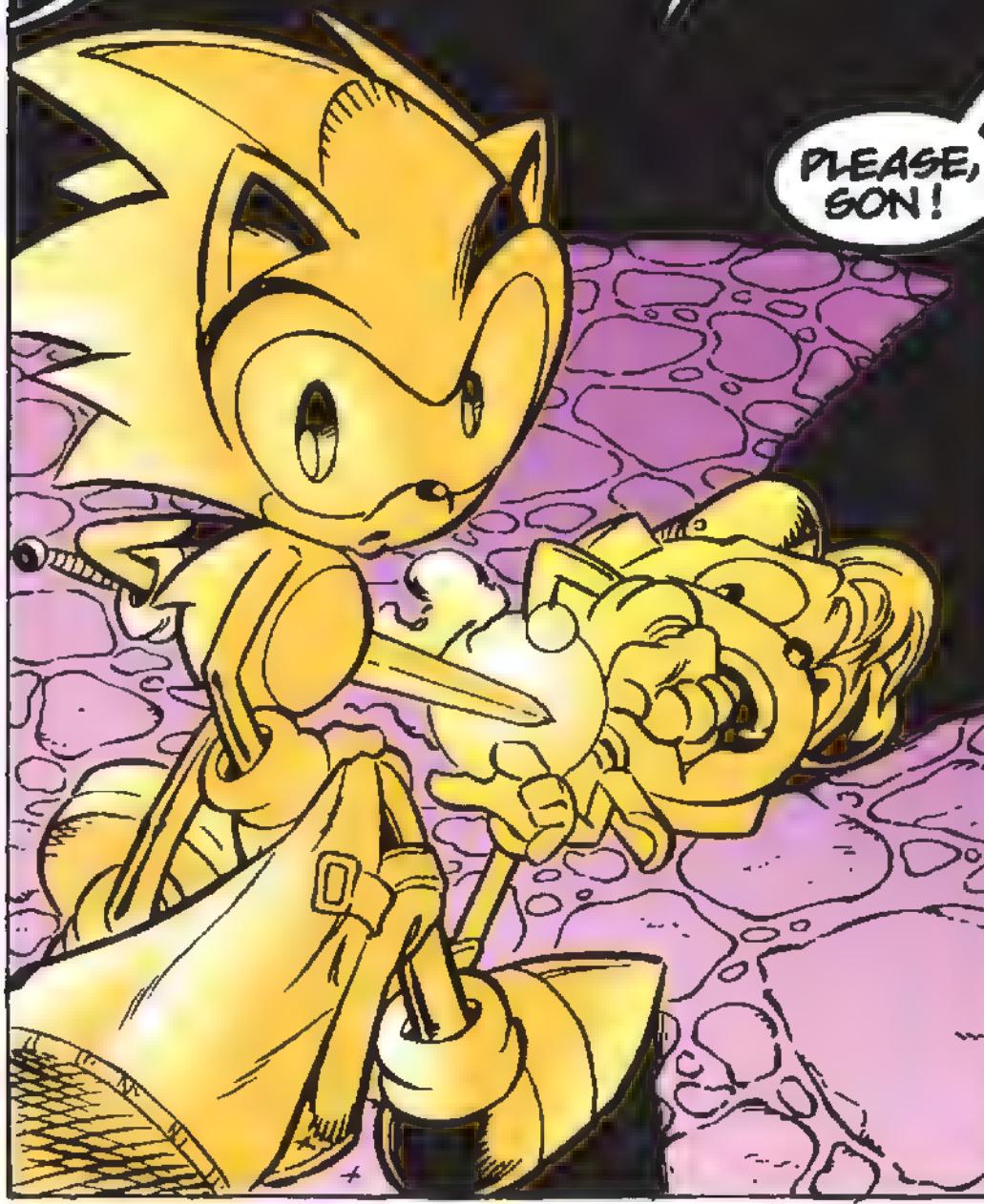
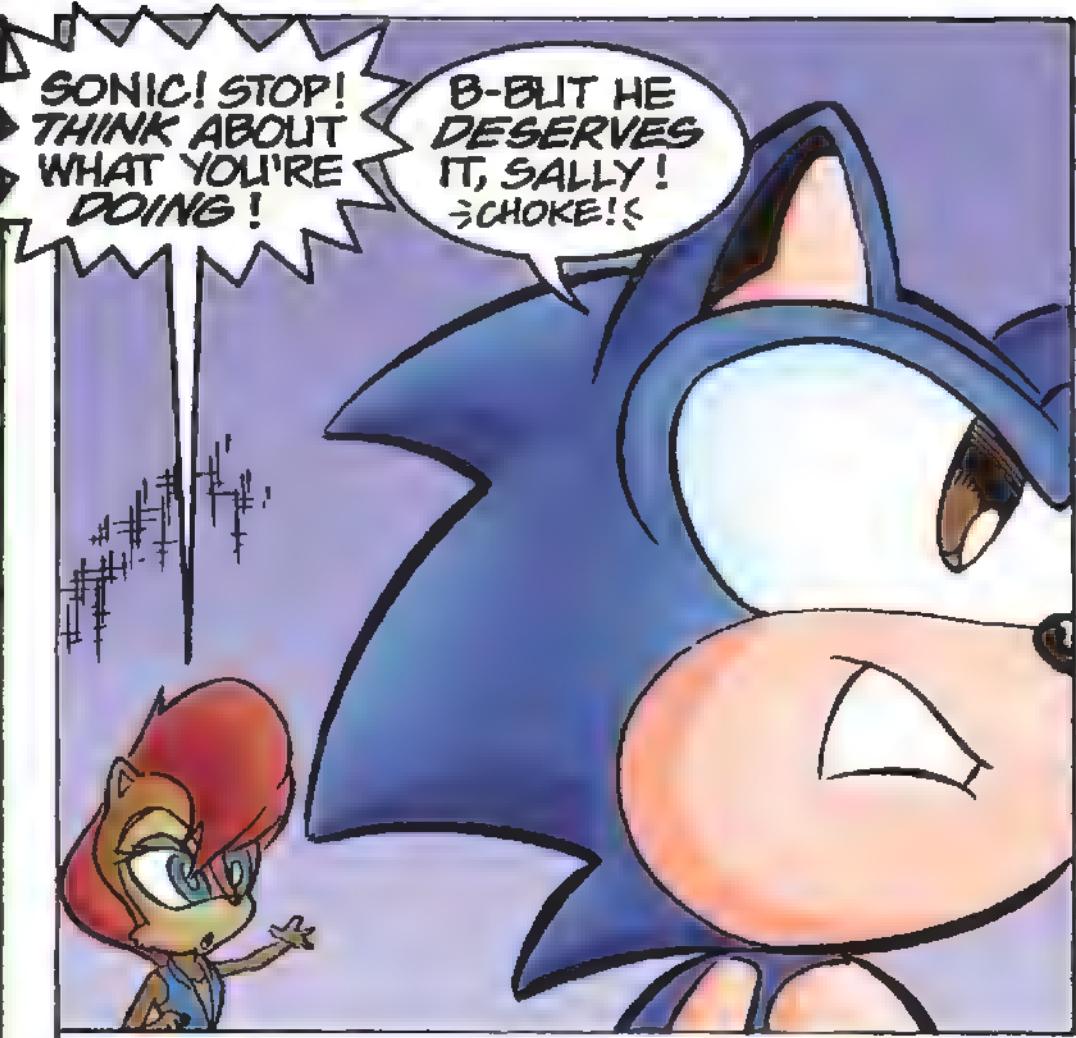
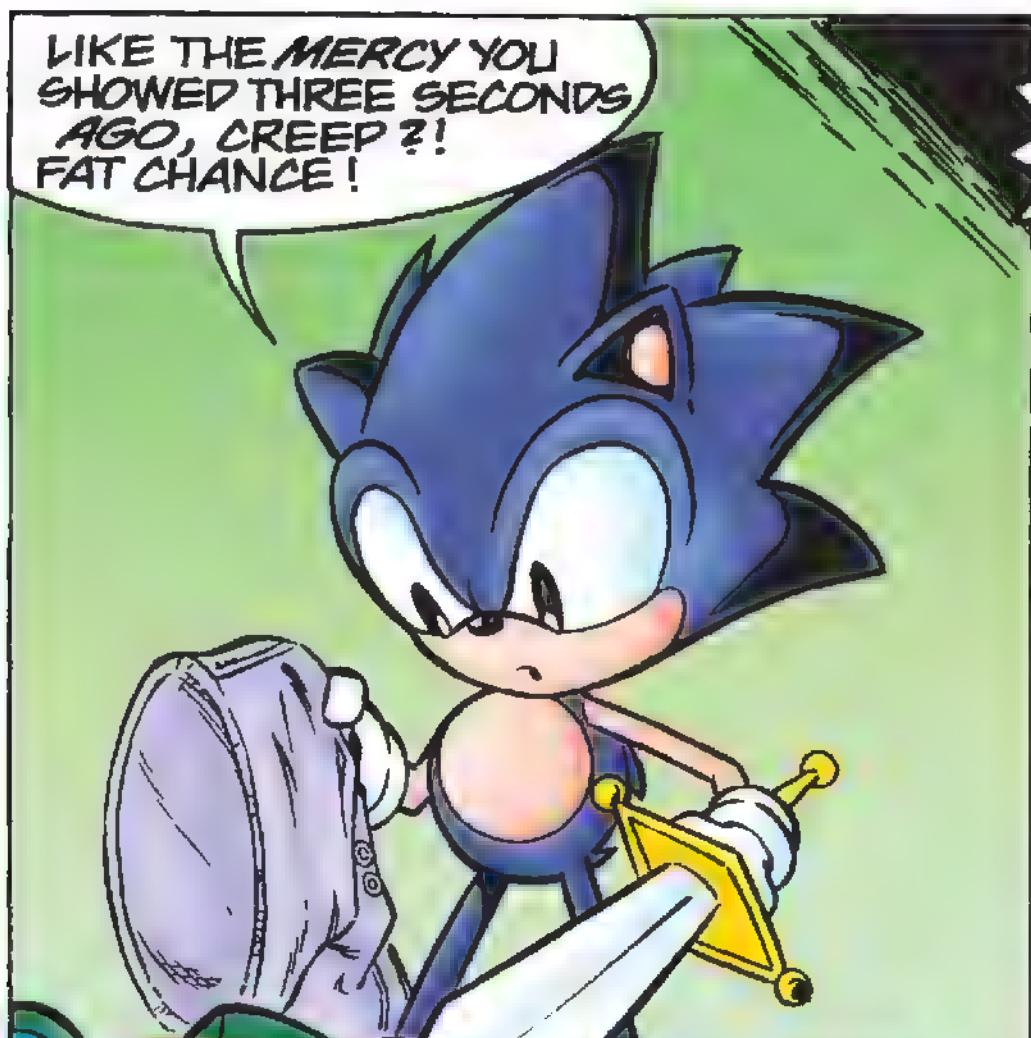


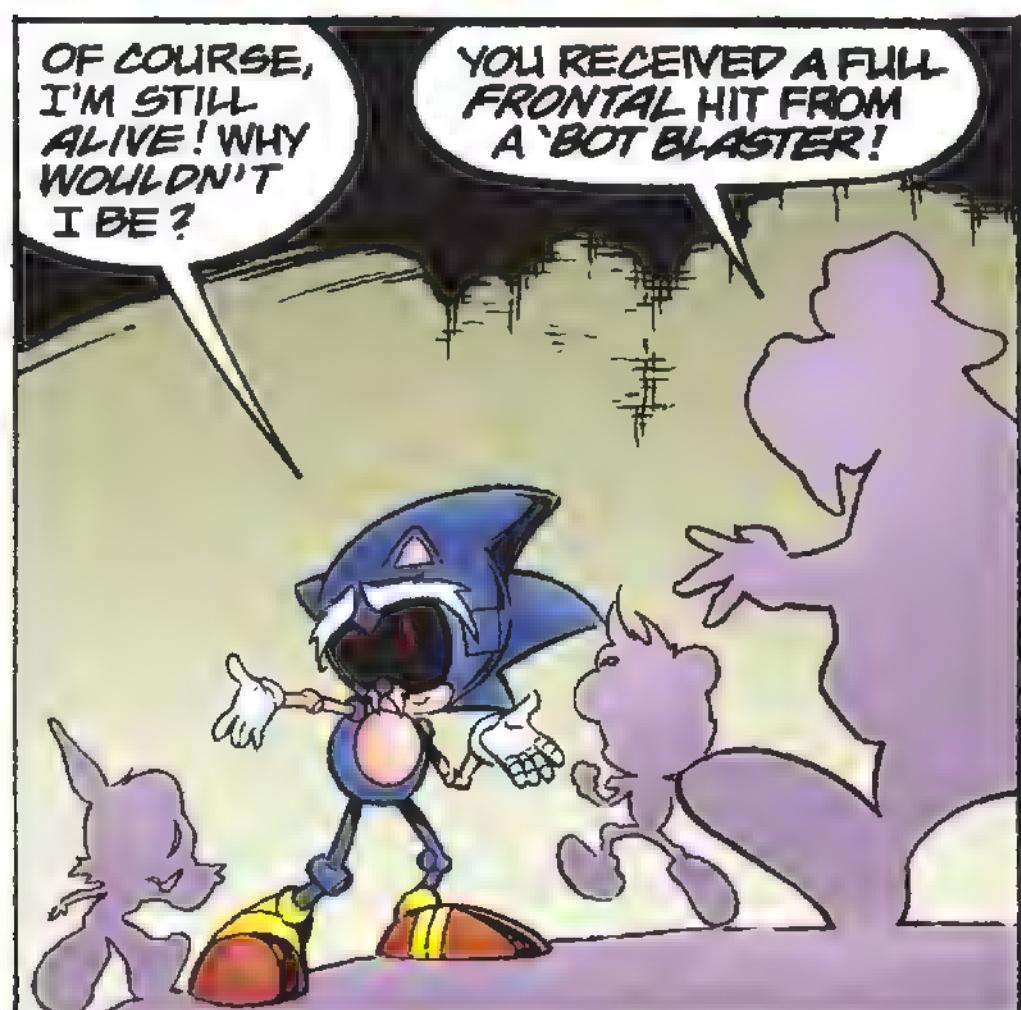
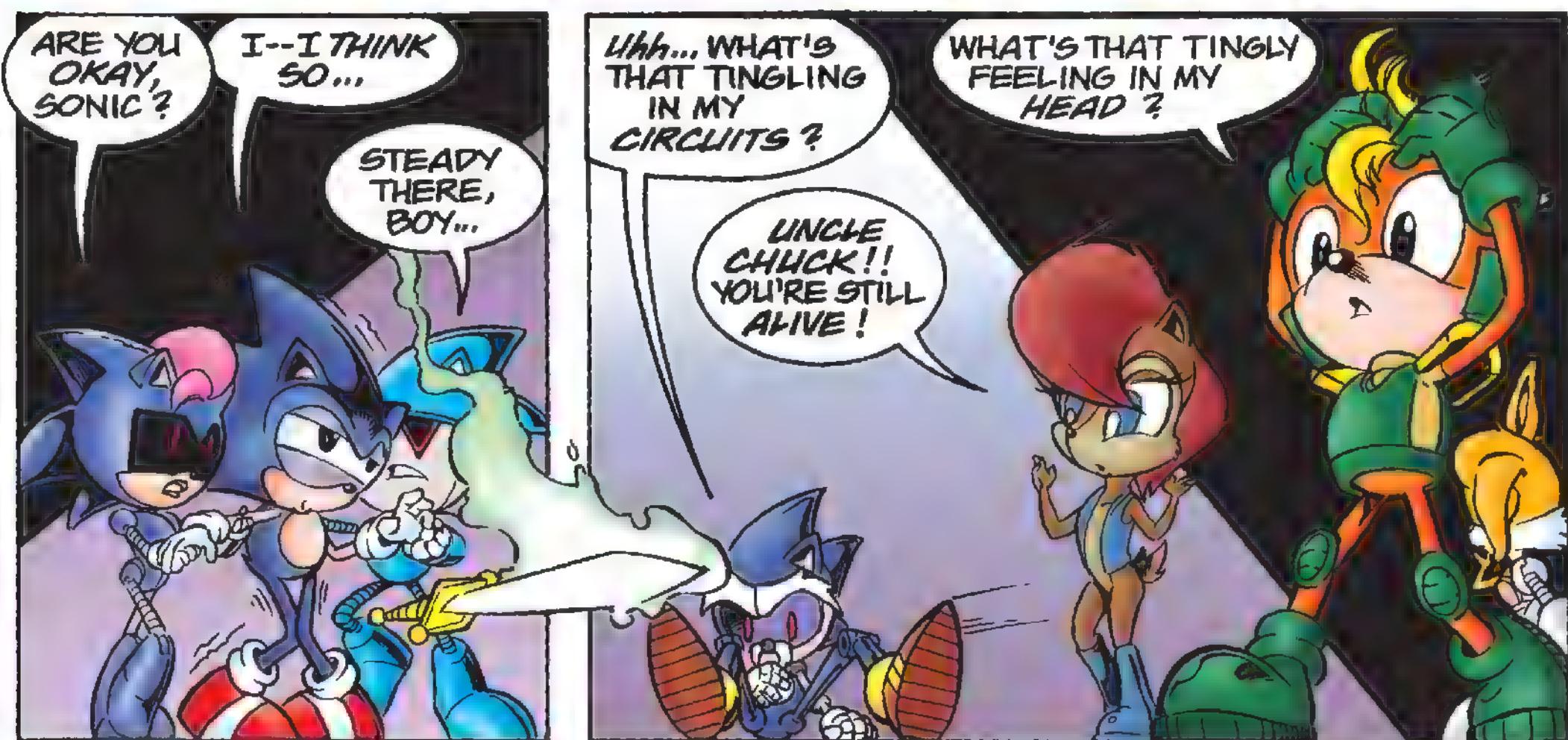
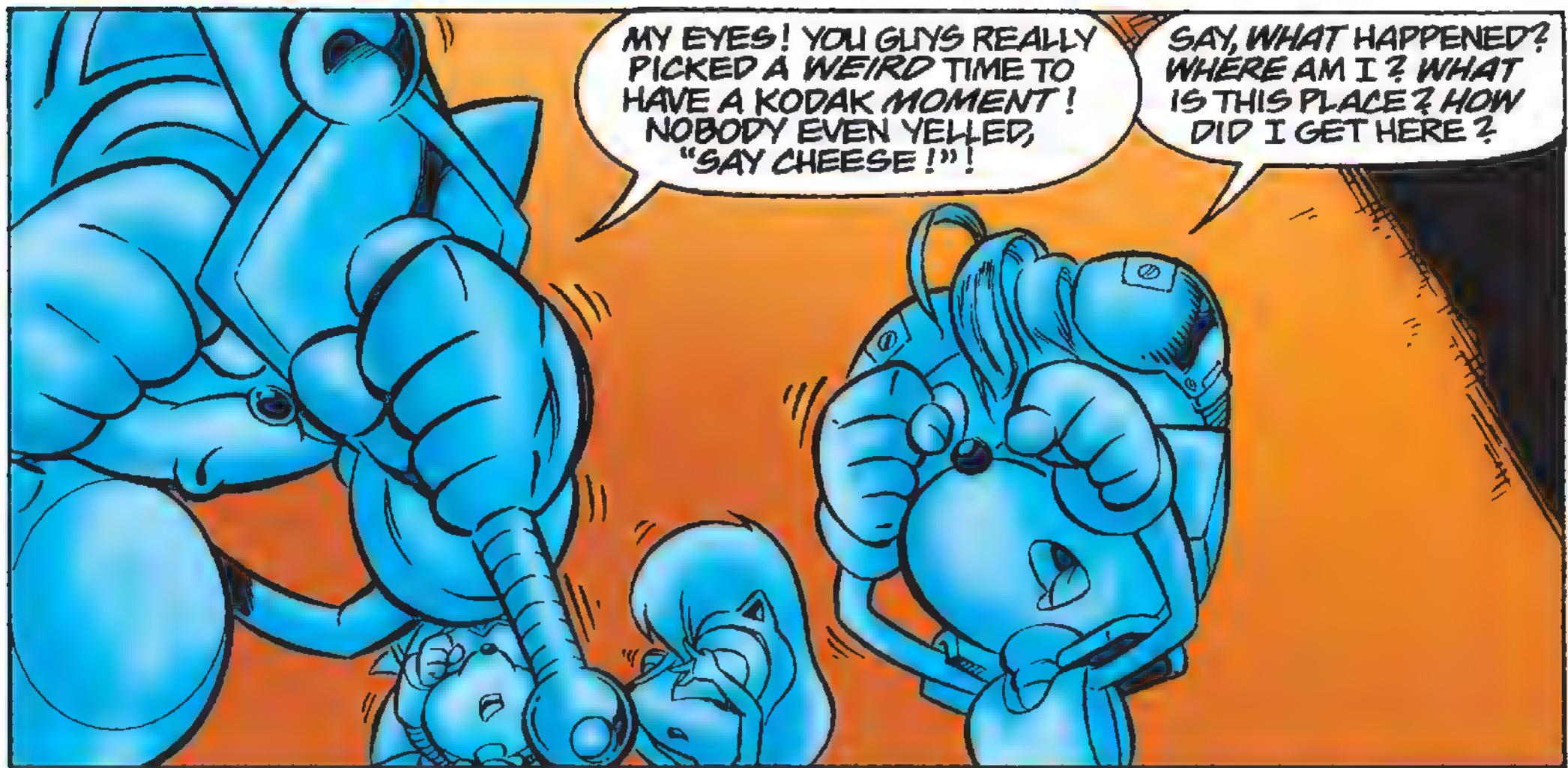














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ND SOON, WITHIN
THE MAIN
COURTROOM OF
CASTLE ACORN, WE
FIND...

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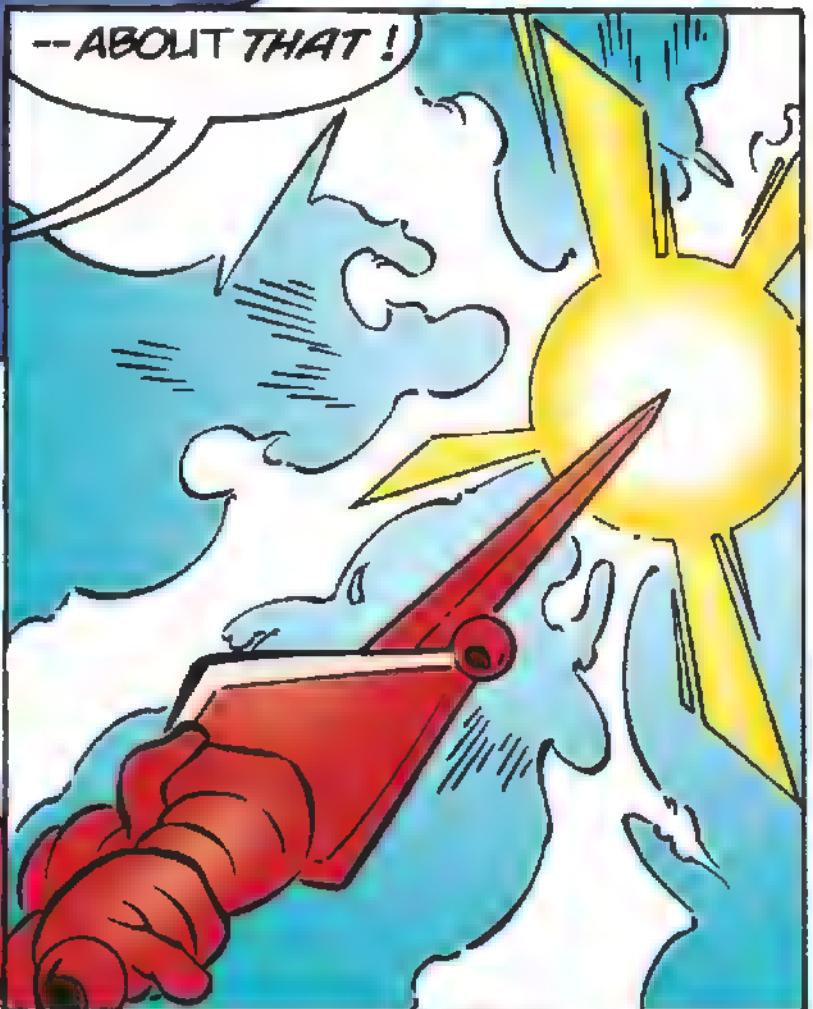
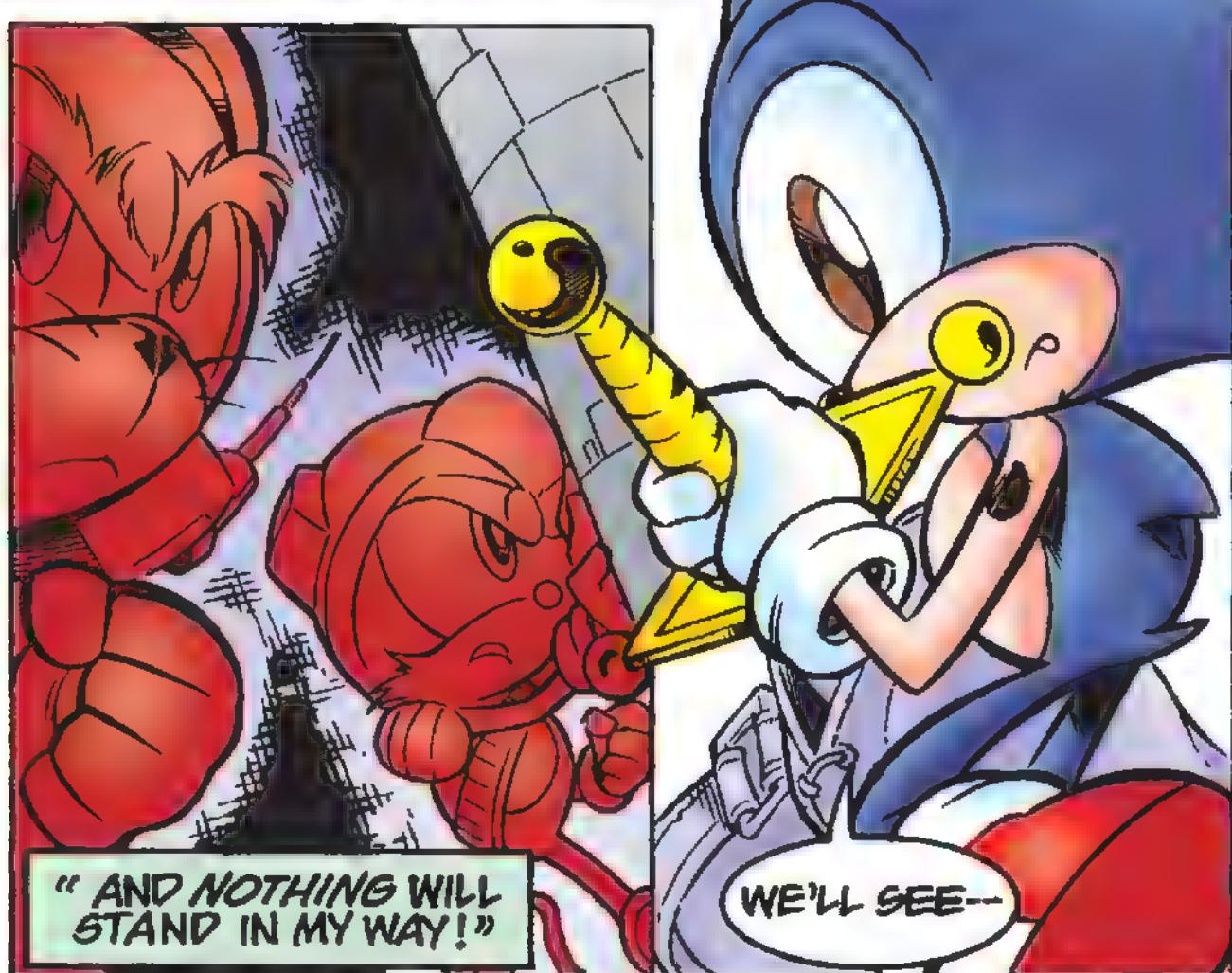
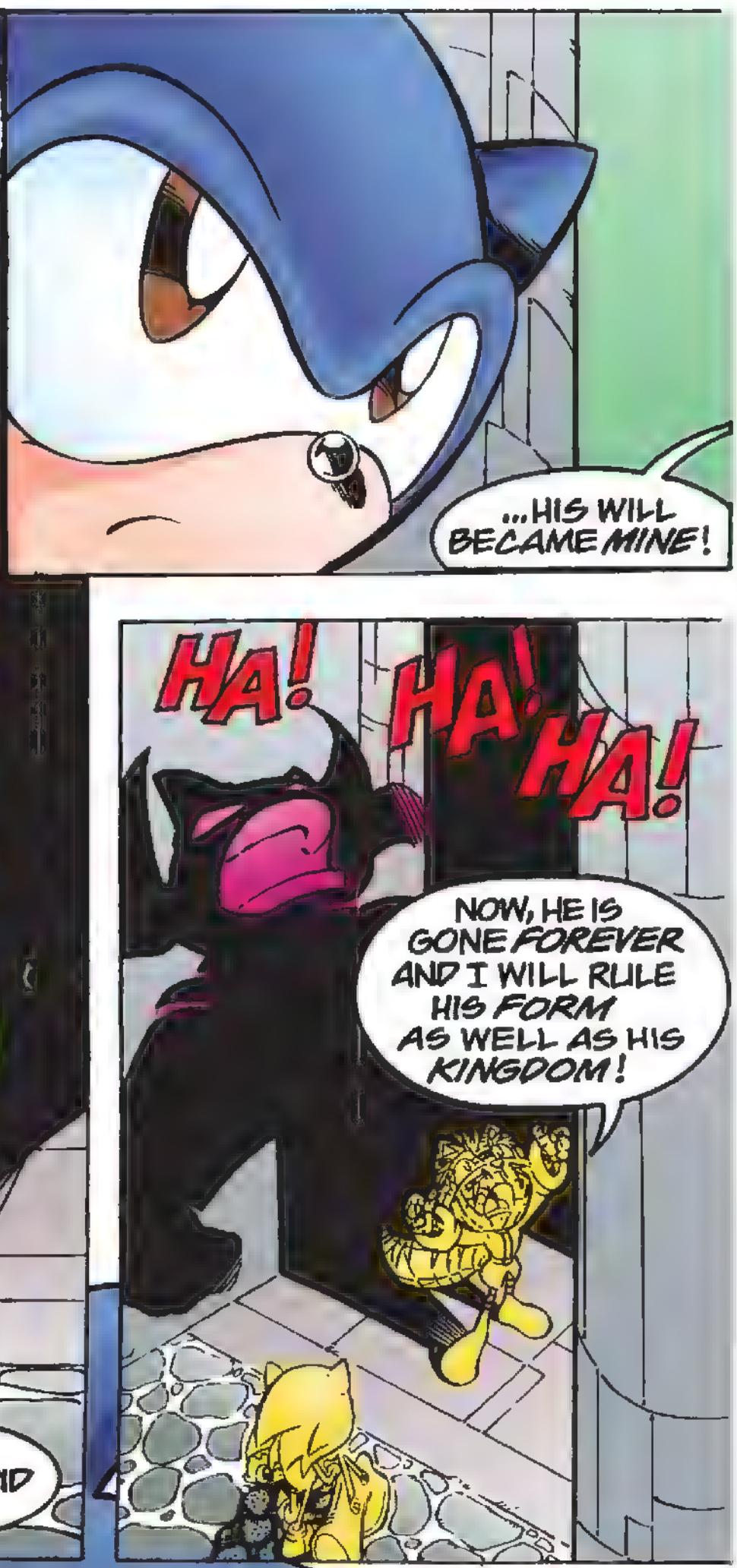
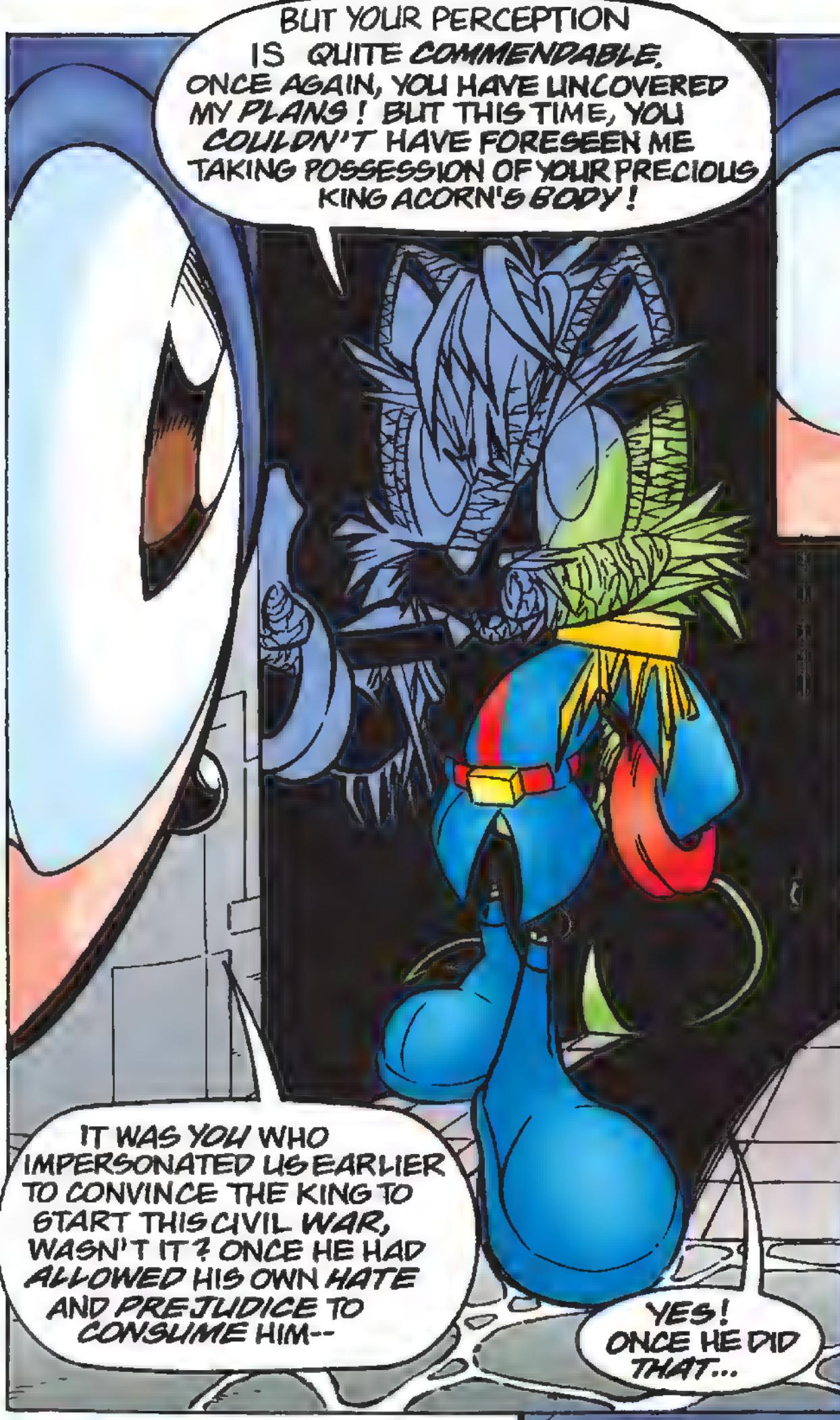
IXIS
NAUGUS! I
FIGURED IT OUT!
EVERYTHING THAT'S
HAPPENED HERE REEKS
OF YOU AND YOUR
BOGUS MAGIC!
COME OUT AND FACE
ME LIKE A BAT...UHH...
CRAB...UHH...

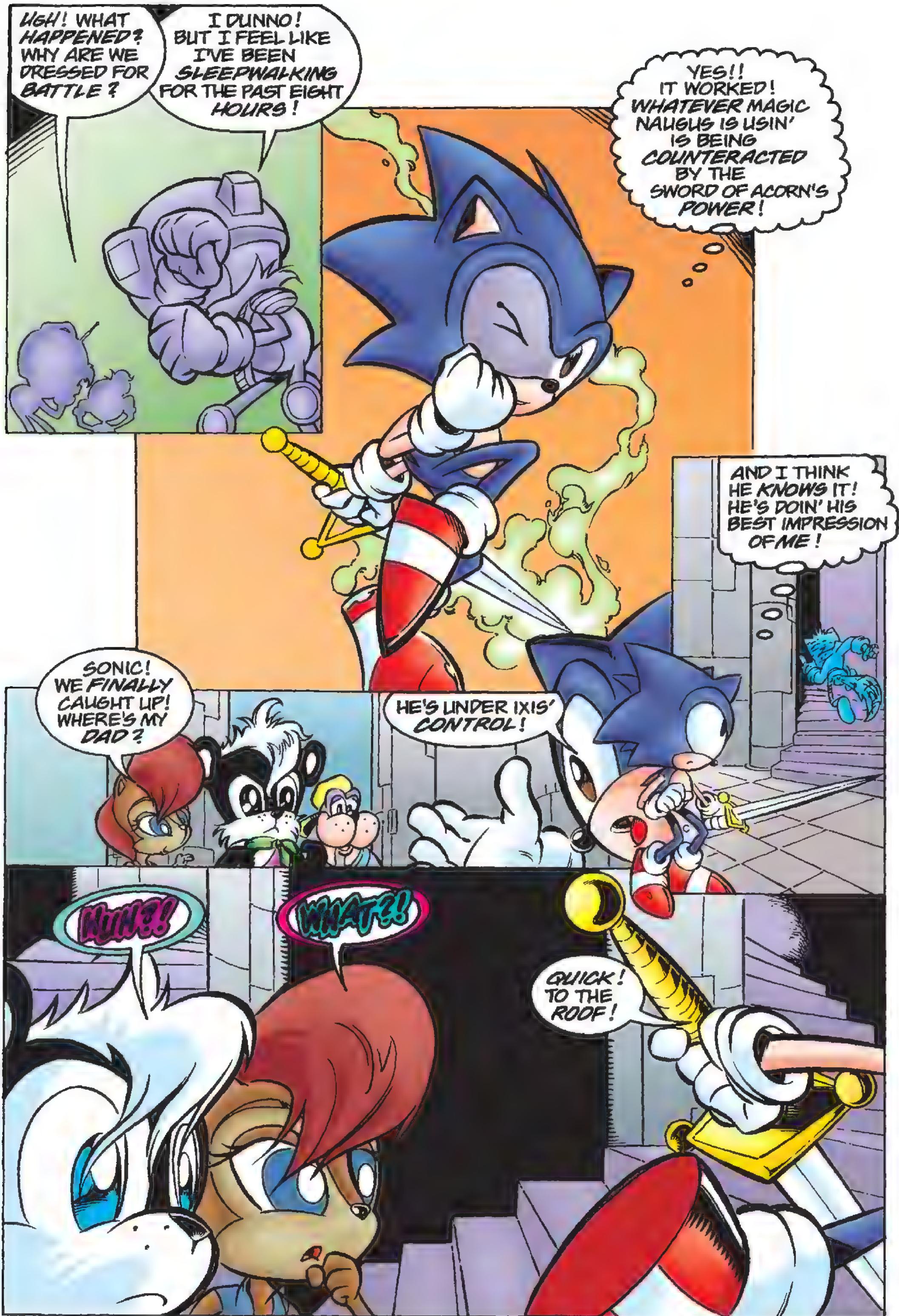
...WELL
YOU KNOW WHAT
YOU ARE BETTER
THAN I DO!
SO, JUST SHOW
YOURSELF!

WE BEAT YA
FAIR AND SQUARE THE
LAST TIME YOU TRIED
TO TAKE OVER THE
KINGDOM... AND WE'LL DO
IT AGAIN!*

THERE WAS NO LAST
TIME, QUICKSTER, CONSIDERING I
NEVER LEFT BUT HAVE BEEN HIDING
IN YOUR FAIR CITY.

* SEE ARCHIVES 14!
- YE OLDE EDITOR.





COME NOT ONE
STEP CLOSER, QUICKSTER!
OR I WILL DESTROY YOUR
RULER'S BODY WHEN I LEAP
FROM THIS PRECIPICE!
I KID YOU NOT!

ALL I NEED
DO IS DISPOSSESS
HIM TO INSURE MY
OWN SAFETY!

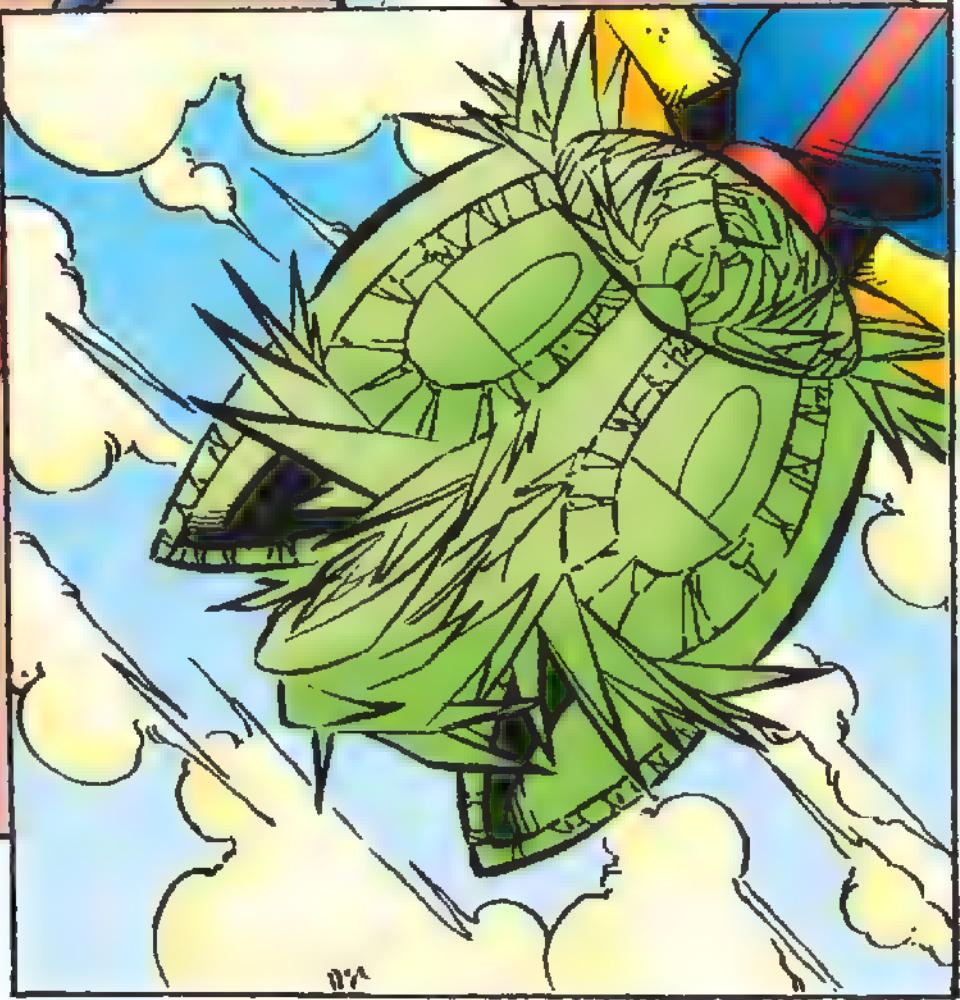
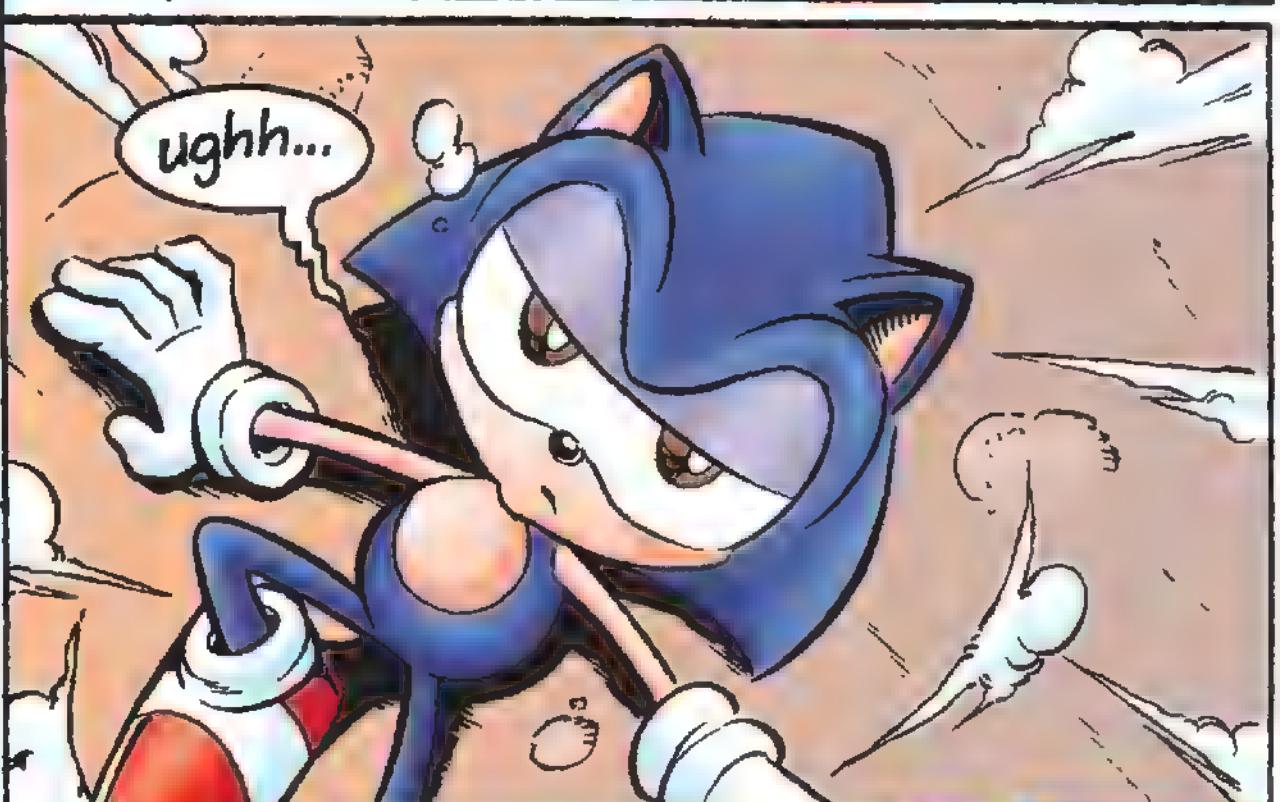
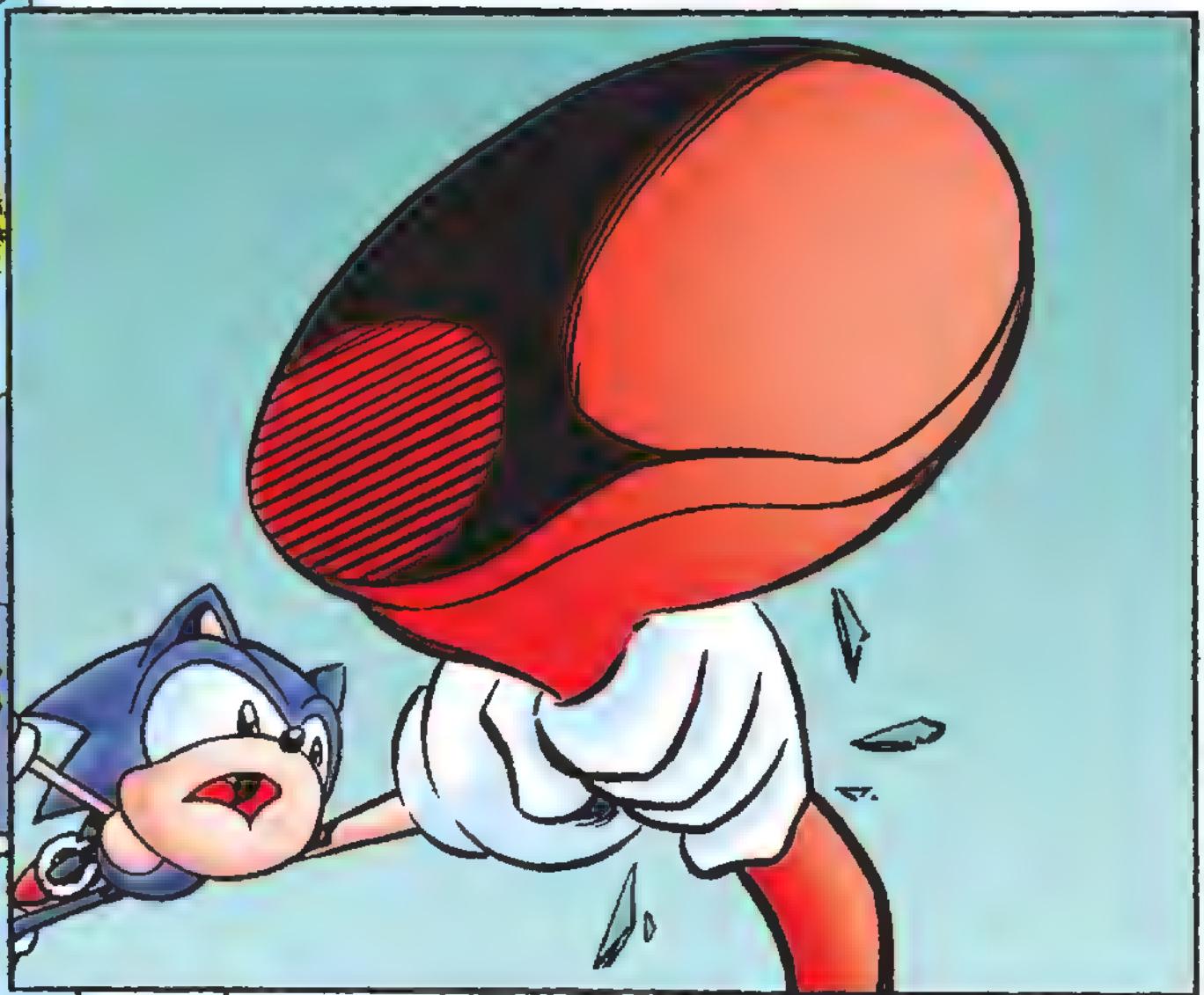
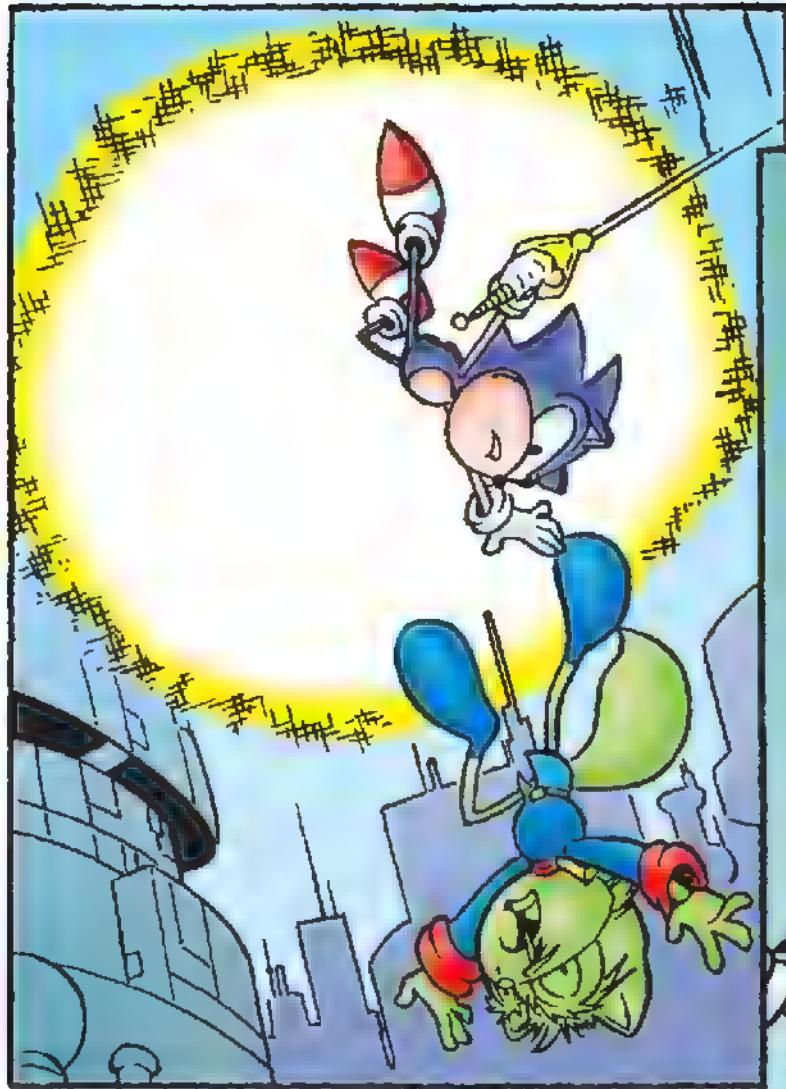
YOU'RE BLOWIN'
SMOKE, IXE! THE SWORD
OF ACORNS IS MAKIN' YOU
WEAKER AND YOU'RE
JUST TOO MUCH OF A WIMP
TO FESS UP!

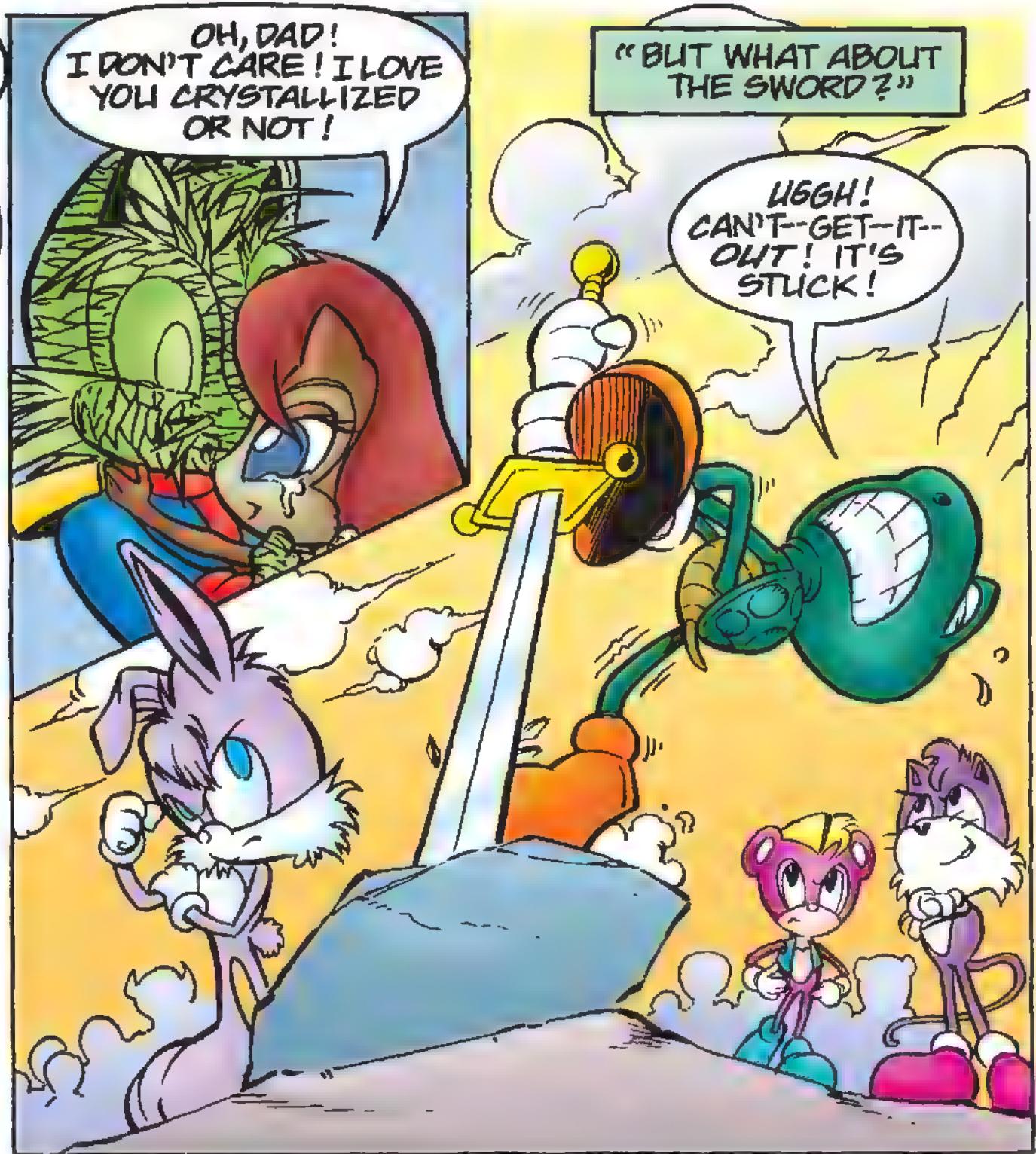
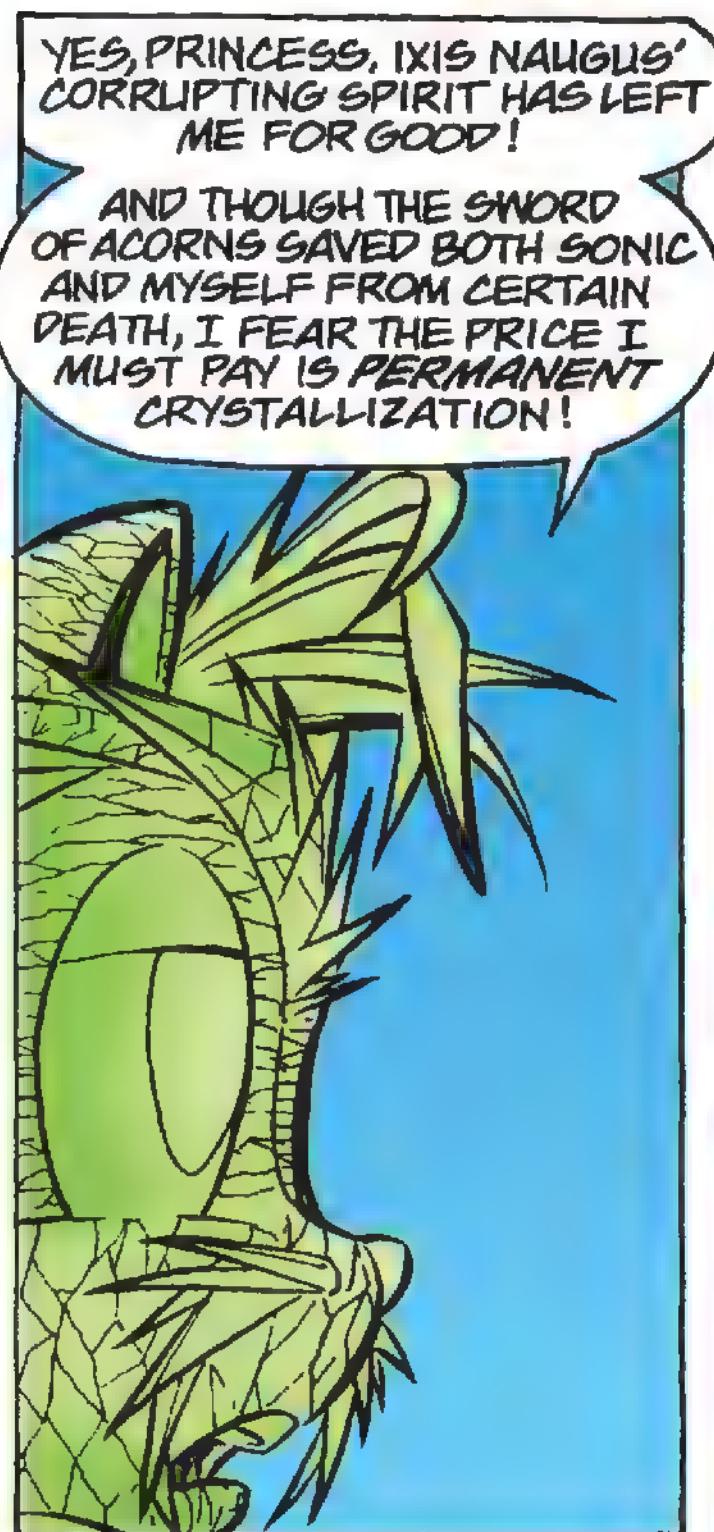
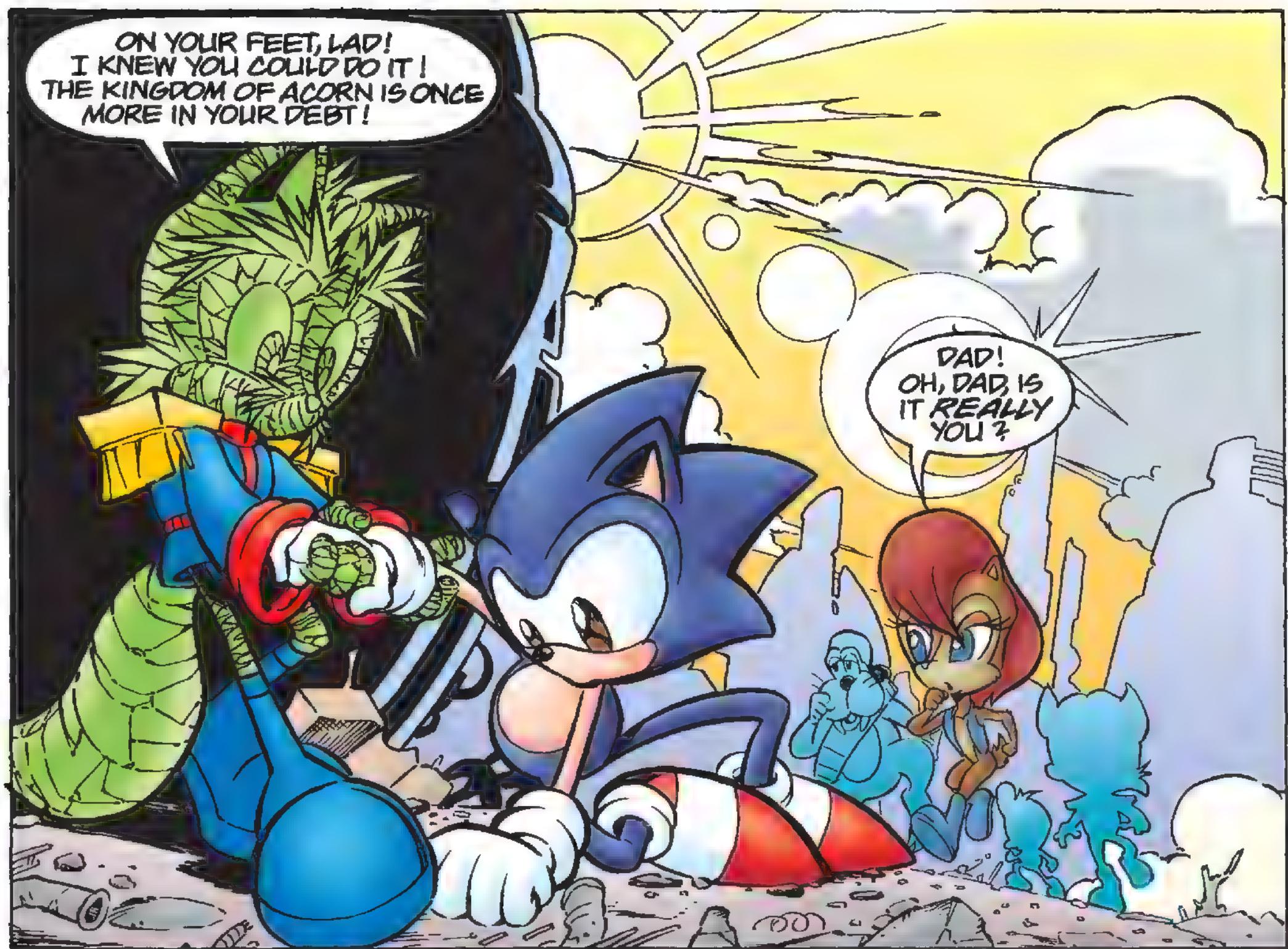
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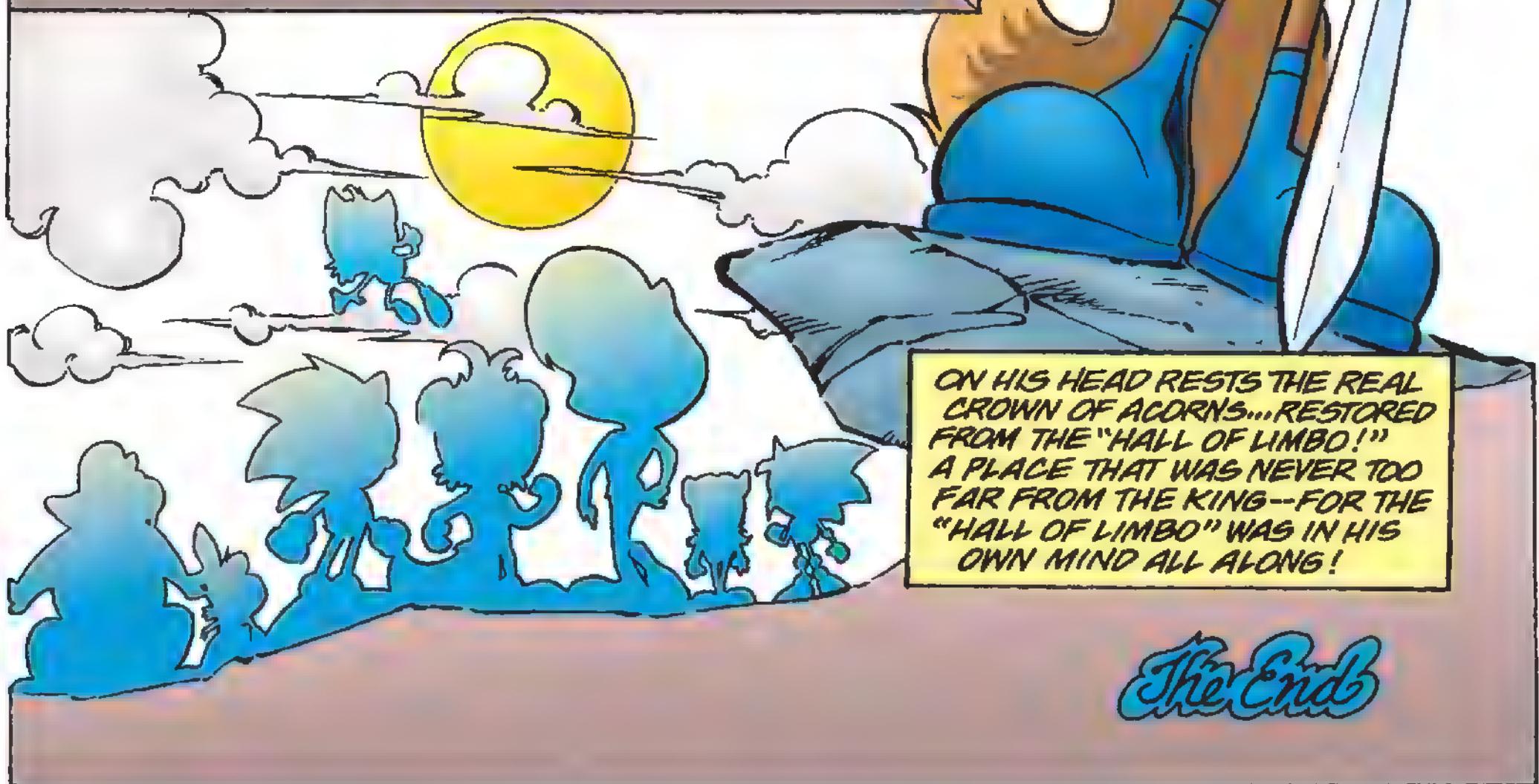
IF I CAN'T RULE
MOBOTROPOLIS...

...THEN NO
ONE WILL!

NOOOOO!







SONIC

PRESENTS:
An untold tale of
ENDGAME

IT WAS A TIME OF CELEBRATION. THE MOBIAN
FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAD FINALLY ELIMINATED
THEIR LONG-TIME ENEMY, NO ROBOTNIK.

WAR STORIES WERE EXCHANGED. SUBTLE DETAILS
OF INDIVIDUAL VICTORIES WERE RECOUNTED, BUT
THE MOST ANTICIPATED NARRATIVE CAME FROM

DUNNIE AND ANTOINE -
WE'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH!
EVERYONE WANTS TO HEAR HOW YOU
TWO MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM THE
DOWNUNDIA PRISON CAMP.

YEAH, IF YOU
CAN STOP OOO-OOO
EYING EACH OTHER LONG
ENOUGH TO TELL
THE STORY.

IT'D BE
OUR PLEASURE,
SUGAH!

Dunnie and Antoine

WE WERE CAPTIVES
IN A DEEP DARK CRATER
HALFWAY AROUND ZEE
WORLD.

HELD PRISONER
BY THE VILEST CREATURE
SINCE GENERAL SHERMAN.
THE MECHANICAL MONSTAH
KNOWN AS- CROCBOT.

END OF THE LINE,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS

ONCE MY COM-BOTS SHIP
THE NECESSARY ORE TO ROBOTROPOLIS.
THE RISE OF FREEDOM OR MOBILES WILL
CERSE HOW UNFORTUNATE YOU FOUR
WON'T LIVE TO SEE IT

YOU'RE MAD.
CROCBOT. EVER SINCE
YOU CRASHED INTO HIS
CRATER AND RECONSTRUCTED
YOURSELF YOU'VE BEEN...

IT'S THE ANTI-MATTER REACTOR.
THAT'S THE SECRET OF THIS CRATER.

SILENCE! I HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO
REVENGE MYSELF UPON EVERYONE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THAT MORTANT. INCLUDING YOU AND YOUR
PELLOW DOWNMUDMUDS

AS FOR MY NEW GUESTS-
SHOULD HIS RABBOT TRY TO USE HER
ROBOTIC APPENDAGES, I WILL TRIGGER AN
EXPLOSION IN HER FATHER'S COLLAR WITH
DEADLY RESULTS

THAT KANG. KEPT ME MAY HAVE ALREADY
KILLED OUR TEAMMATES GURU, EMU, DUCK
"BILL" PLATYPUS AND WOMBAT STU--
AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT!

TAKE IT EASY, SUGAH...

...AH WOULDN'T RISK YO'
PRETTY WIL HEAD Y'ZEE. GATOR
BOY'S BOTS WERE SO WORKED
ABOUT MAH BIONIC PARTS, THEY
NEGLECTED MAH REAL
ARM--

A MISTAKE
THEY'LL LIVE TO
REGRET



GO EASY ON
YOURSELF, WALT.
NONE OF US
SAW CROC BOT'S
AMBUSH
COMING *

DON'T DWELL ON ZEE PAST.
WORRY ABOUT ZEE PRESENT & LE ME!
BUNNIE, MUST YOU TEMPT FATE BY
TRYING TO BREAK FREE?

* SUE - OR SUE
IN 5TH FLOOR -
FIRE

CAREFUL,
BUNNIE--

AWWW. AH DON'T
SEE ANY WAY TO GET
THIS THING OFFA YOU
WITHOUT A SET OF
SHARP TOOLS

YOU
MEAN LIKE
THESE CLAWS
OF MINE?

BUNNIE: NO,
DON'T FOOL WEETH
TEE COLLAR!

HOLD
STILL... IF AH
CAN JUST -

CELL GUARD: CHILLING
GRODDY-KNOHOLE
PRISONER'S COLLAR
HAS BEEN DETONATED,
DESTROYING ALL
FOUR IMPATERS.

TOO BAD. I WAS
LOOKING FORWARD TO
TORTURING THEM. OH WELL,
I STILL HAVE THE OTHER
THREE LEFT!

VERY WELL:
REPORT TO THE
TORTURE DOCK

AT ONCE

AH
DON'T THINK
SO...

THIRTY SECONDS AND ONE
LESS COM-BOT LATER

CROCBOT SAID
HE STILL HAD "THE
OTHER THREE"—THAT MEANS
OUR TEAMMATES ARE
STILL ALIVE.

LET'S FIND
THEM!

AND THEN WE'LL BE
SEE ONE'S HEADED FOR ZEE
LOADING ROCK FOR A RENDEZVOUS
WEETH THAT SQUANDREL!

HEADS UP
Y ALL. MORE
COM-BOT
GUARDS UP
AHEAD!

FAR OUT—
WE'RE OUT!

I KNEW
THESE WALLS
CULLON T
HOLD UP FOR
LONG

HI. I'M
WICKED
STU

SAVE ZEE
INTRODUCTIONS
AND
CONGRATULATIONS
UNT AFTAIR
WE HAVE DEALT
WEETH

CRUCIBOT LOADING PROCEDURE
ON SCHEDULE. AIRBUS WILL BE
PREPARED TO DEPART FOR
ROBOTROPOLIS VERY SOON.

YOU'RE HALF RIGHT,
COM-BOT COMMANDER. THE
SHIP MAY BE LOADED WITH
ONE, BUT IT'S NOT READY TO
LEAVE YET.

NOT JUST
THIS MOST PRECIOUS
PIECE OF CARGO IS
PLACED ON BOARD.

A MINIATURE
THERMO-NUCLEAR
TIMEBOMB

REMEMBER, WITH ALL THE
DEVICE IN RUMBLETHIM'S HAND ROOM
IT WILL DESTROY HIM AND HIS BELIEVED
ULTIMATE ONE MILATOR ALONE
SWINGING THE WEAPONS TO DESTROY
OVER MOORUS.

AS YOU
DEMONSTRATE
CUTE POT

WE NEED TO
OFFER UP SILENT
BREATH

SO DARN
THAT WE
IT CAN'T BE

THE ONLY
PLACE YOU'RE TAKING
OVER IS THE FILTHY
JAIL CELL YOU HAD
ME IN

YOU MAY HAVE
KILLED BLUINIE AND
ANTONIE BUT YOU CAN'T
GET RID OF US

SPLITTER E
WE'LL SEE ABOUT
THAT

COMBOT COMMANDER
SET 50% FUEL TO 20% TROUBLE
FOR YOU, I AM WITH THESE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS

ORION WE'LL
DEFERATE LAY
OFF THE AIRBORNE GO
ON TIME AND SNEAK
ABOVE

EXCELLENT
THIS WAY WE'LL RETURN
HOME AND HE WILL
PREFER A FLAT EARTH WEEK
AND AVENGE FREEDOM! A
BYE NOW
SILLY

NICE
WEEKEND

"SIGH
WHAT EVER
HAPPENED TO
PEACE AND
LOVE?"

"NO PROBLEM-
WE LOVE IT 'MASSIN'
THE HE BETS TO
PIECES!"

"THA
KNEW HOW TO BE
CALLING ME AT A
TIME LIKE
THIS!"

"NO ROBOTNIK IN
ROBO CITY IS CALLING
SOMEBODY IN KNOXVILLE.
COME IN LEXICOP!"

"WHAT'S NEW
IN THE CITY?
I'M GONE, BUT I AM
UP TO NO GOOD AT THE
PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE. THE
MINERAL IN THE
PIPELINE IS HEAVY ON
TO HARM TO YOU."

"THAT'S ALL I WANTED
TO KNOW. WHERE IN KNOX
AND IT."

AH GOT
IT!

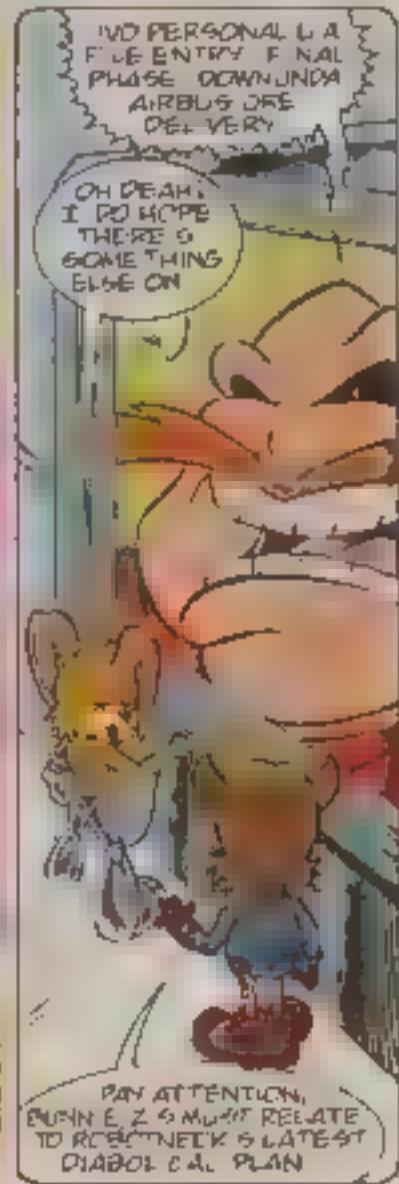
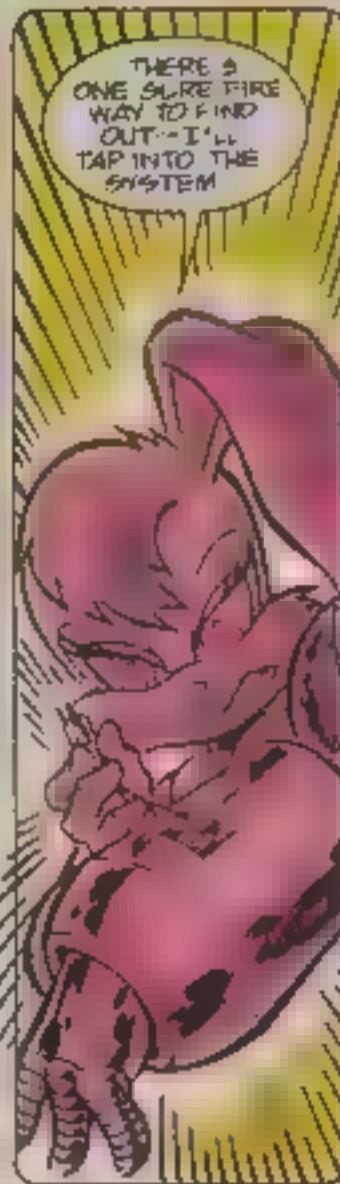
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I HOPE ZEE DOWNTOWN
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
MANAGE TO OVERCOME ZAT
FRENCH CROCBOT!

AH M SURE THEY'LL
BE F HE WE-LUNS GOT
OUR OWN PROBLEMS—
IN YOU GO

RIGHT
YOU ARE
BUNNIE

WE CAN'T
STAY OUT HEAH.
WE'RE TOO
EXPOSED.

ALORS
HERE COMES A
COM-BOT
PEEK A DOOR—
ANY DOOR



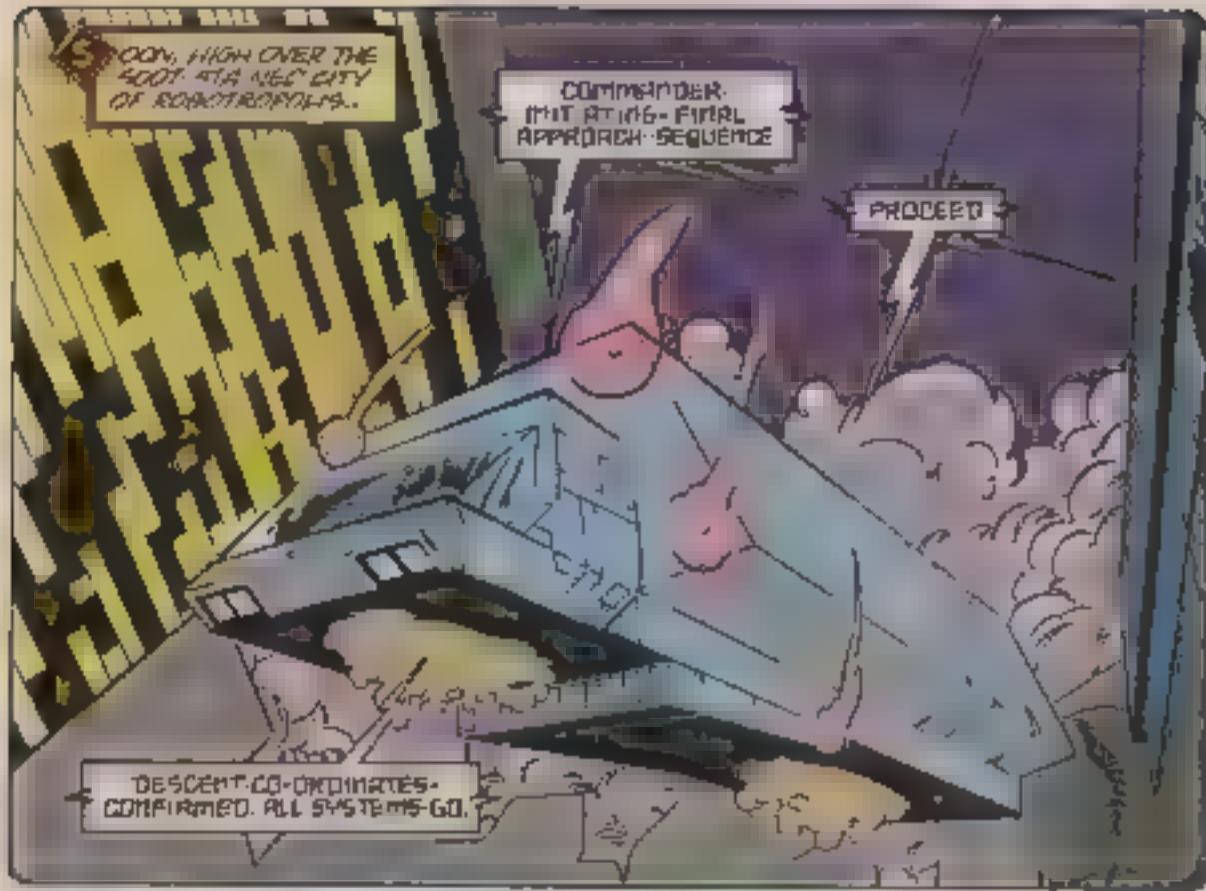


BURRONEE BURRONEE
BUILDING UP TO THIS MOMENT. THE
FRADIATED ORE MINED IN DOWNUNDA
IS ON ITS WAY TO ROBOTROPOLIS.
IT IS THE MOST CRUCIAL ELEMENT
NEEDED TO ACTIVATE THE ULTIMATE
ANNihilator

OF ALL THE MASS
DESTRUCTION CREATIONS DURING
MY HUMILIATING CAREER THE U.A IS
BY FAR THE MOST DEADLY. ONCE
OPERATIONAL I SHALL UNLEASH ITS
INDESCRIBABLE POWER ON THE
VILLAGE OF MINDTHOLE WIPE IT OUT
OF EXISTENCE FOREVER

AFTER THAT EVERY
LIVING CREATURE ON MOBILIS
WILL FALL BEFORE NO ROBOTN K
HOO HOO-HAHAHAHAAA-A!





NYAH-NYAH CAN'T CATCH ME!

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, FURBALL!

WHO Y'ALL CALLING FURBALL, TINTOP?

OM-OM

WRENCH

CHANG

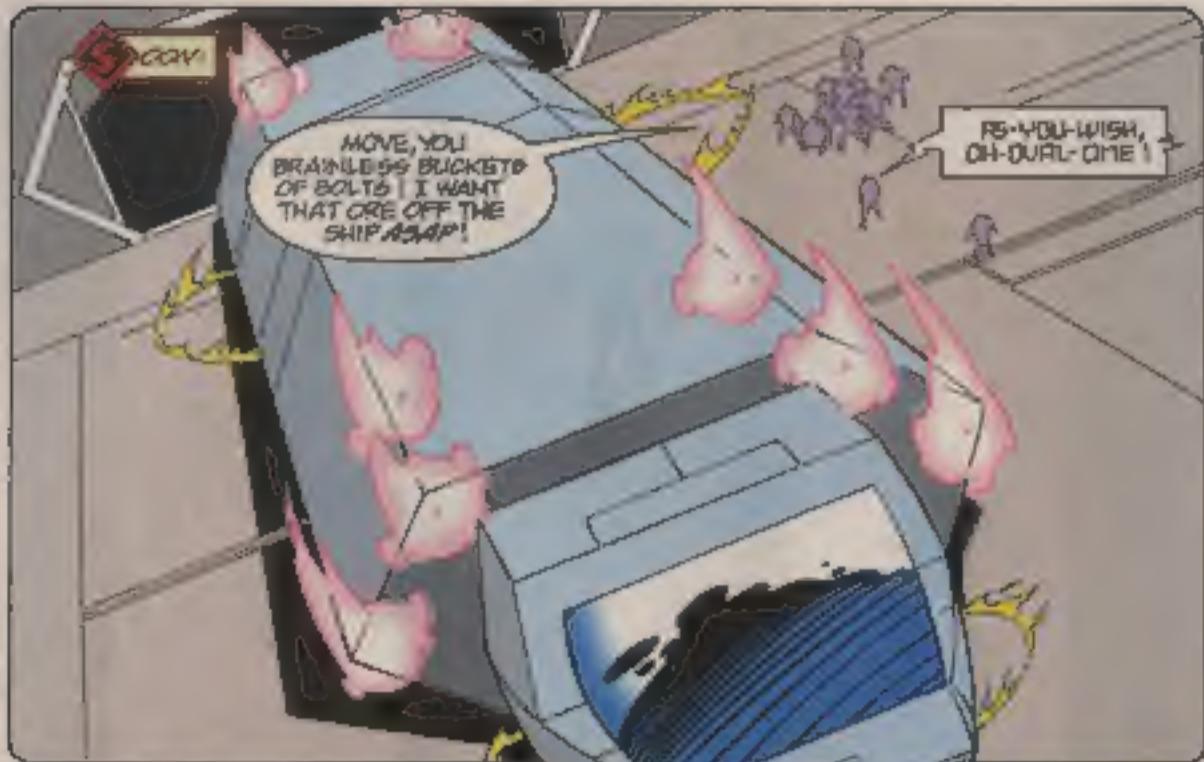
SMUNSK

RRRRP

BOOING!

HOW GENEROUS OF THAT COM-BOT COMMANDER TO DONATE THIS LIL' OLE THERMO-NUCLEAR TIMEBOMB HE WAS CARRYING TO OUR CAUSE!

OUT! ONCE THEES SHIP ROCKS, WE'LL INSTALL IT IN RODOTHEEK'S CONTROL ROOM. WE'LL NEVER ACTIVATE ZAT ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR!





IT'S A
POSTCARD FROM THE
DOWNUNDA FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!

WHAT
DOES IT
SAY?

"DEAR KNOTHOVERS... OUR BATTLE WENT WELL.
CROCBOT HAS BEEN DEFEATED AND DOWNUNDA
HAS BEEN LIBERATED. MANY THANKS TO BUNNIE
AND ANTOINE FOR ALL THEIR HELP. WE HOPE TO
SEE YOU SOON! FONDLY, THE DFF."

"WOULD YOU
LIKE TO SEE
MORE OF THE
DFF? I'LL PAY
TO SOME DRAWING
AND LET US
KNOW! —
THE ILLUSTRATOR

AND SO, A
TOAST, MY FRIENDS—
TO THEM, TO US AND
TO EVERY LIVING
CREATURE ON THIS
PLANET WHO
STRIVES TO KEEP
MOBLIS FREE!

THE END